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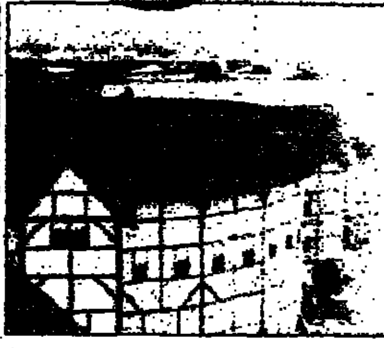

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By Philip Bassett and Harvey Elliott

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BRITISH AIRWAYS cabin staff who join the 72-hour strike due to start this morning will lose perks and promotion for three years — and face a lock-out after the stoppage unless they promise to work normally.

The threat of immediate sanctions came as the airline prepared to cancel half of today's 330 scheduled flights from Heathrow and Gatwick. Similar cancellations will follow tomorrow and on Friday, and the Transport and General Workers Union is expected to call further three-day stoppages next week and the week after.

BA spelt out its hard line even as it held last-minute talks with union leaders aimed at averting the strike due to start at 6am. The company said that anyone striking today would lose their staff travel concessions until March 2000, become ineligible for promotion until the same date, and lose the option of applying for early retirement or severance pay.

Strikers would also be telephoned and asked to promise not to join any future action. If they refused, they would not be rostered for work from Saturday and therefore not paid. Managers accepted that the tactic could lead to further disruption, since the company might not have enough staff to fill the rotas, but an official said: "We are confident we can restart services on Saturday."

BA is also reserving the right to dismiss strikers and has said that it might sue individuals for its losses — an unprecedented move in British employee relations. The airline believes that it has already lost more than £15 million in future bookings.

But the tough approach was attacked by Labour MPs who signed a series of Commons motions on the dispute yesterday. Twenty condemned the "macho management" of the chief executive Robert Ayling, and a handful backed Ken Livingstone's motion supporting the strike, even though Tony Blair clearly wants to keep his Government out of the conflict.

The TGWU, which is negotiating on behalf of its members who belong to the British Airline Stewards and Stewardesses Association (Bassa), claimed that there had been major intimidation of its members but George Ryde, the union's national air transport secretary, said: "We are confident that the union's strike call will be supported by its members." Another official said: "We regret that even at the 11th hour, BA is still concentrating on intimidation and confrontation rather than negotiation."

The union yesterday asked the company to negotiate on an agreement accepted by the more moderate union Cabin Crew '89 and imposed on all 12,000 cabin staff two months ago. But Sir Colin Marshall, the chairman, refused saying: "This deal is what they wanted for many years and it was reached months ago. We can't rewrite it. We can't go on revisiting the issue.

"This is a dispute about rivalry between two unions and is extremely unfortunate and regrettable. But we can't go on having problems like this. I am sure they will want to target our annual general meeting next week, and the sooner it is over and done with the better, so we can have a return to common sense."

Cabin Crew '89, which broke away from the TGWU eight years ago and now has about 3,500 members, described the deal it negotiated as "the best in British aviation". Gordon White, the national secretary, said: "British Airways cabin crew are now paid 25 per cent more than others operating in any other airline. But Bassa are resentful of our deal and have misled and misinformed their members in a shameful manner before leading them to a strike.

"It will only cost jobs because customers who are forced to fly on other airlines simply will not come back. We have seen has happened to PanAm and TWA and it will happen to BA if this kind of nonsense goes on. To put crew members' jobs at risk when there is no good reason is unforgivable."

Cabin Crew '89 claims that it is recruiting 50 members a day because people did not want to go on strike, and 1,113

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FLIGHT INFORMATION

BA says that the following services will operate today, however many cabin crew report for work:

☐ All domestic and European flights to and from Gatwick;
☐ All international flights to and from UK regional airports;
☐ All UK domestic services other than those serving Heathrow;
☐ All flights operated by British Regional Airlines, Brymon, Loganair, Maerks Air, GB Airways, CityFlyer Express, TAT, Deutsche BA, Qantas, Comair, Canadian International, America West, Sun Air and British Mediterranean.

The following services from Gatwick are cancelled: Atlanta, New York, Lagos, Charlotte, Kano, Phoenix, Kingston, Baltimore and Harare.

More information is available from travel agents, on ITV Teletext page 380, on the information hotline 0800 727800 and on the Internet http://www.british-airways.com/strike/

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Nelson Mandela and Graca Machel arrive hand-in-hand at Heathrow yesterday

Mandela's open secret

By Ray Kennedy and Daniel McGrory

NELSON MANDELA and Graca Machel made no secret of their obvious affection as they arrived at Heathrow yesterday for a three-day visit to London. But the South African President was coy about whether he will marry his official escort, the widow of Samora Machel, the former president of Mozambique.

The couple exchanged private jokes on their way to visit the Queen for tea at Buckingham Palace, but seemed perplexed at the fascination with their relationship. He made jokes about it. She appeared embarrassed.

What is undeniable is that the elegant figure of Mrs Machel is seldom far from the President's side, though close aides insist Mr Mandela has reportedly resolved that, at 78, he will not marry for a third time until he stands down as President in three years' time.

From the moment they left the aircraft they were inseparable. She rested her head on his shoulder while, with unfailing good humour, he fielded a volley of questions about his marital intentions.

He teased that while he was meeting the Queen, the Prince of Wales and Tony Blair in the next 72 hours, the real reason for his trip was as "the companion" of Mrs Machel, 51, who receives an honorary degree from Essex University tomorrow.

A United Nations emissary for children, she gripped the President's hand and led him to his limousine before he could betray more. An hour later, as they strolled to their Dorchester suite, the couple again held hands as they faced more questions about their relationship. Asked bluntly if he will marry Mrs Machel, Mr Mandela squeezed her hand, and said: "Those are questions one doesn't discuss in public."

Mr Mandela last night revealed he has transferred most of his official duties to Thabo Mbeki, his designated successor. He will mark his 79th birthday — on July 18 — by starting a children's charity funded by his salary.

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Interest rates set to rise after surge in inflation

By Alasdair Murray, Christine Buckley and Philip Webster

MORE increases in interest rates to control consumer demand appeared inevitable yesterday after a surge in inflation last month.

The Bank of England is expected to raise rates by at least a further quarter-point to 6.75 per cent tomorrow. That would add £14 a month to an average £50,000 mortgage. Homeowners already face a £10 a month increase in mortgage costs as a result of the cut in interest rate relief (Miras) announced in last week's Budget.

Politicians in all parties voiced concern yesterday over the impact of a still strengthening pound on exporters. Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor, said it was now the "major threat to Britain's economic wellbeing".

Wet weather and increased mortgage costs combined to send the headline rate of inflation rising to 2.9 per cent in June. It meant that Gordon Brown's target of 2.5 per cent for underlying inflation had been missed in his first full month.

There were jitters through the Stock Market with the FTSE 100 closing down 52.2 at 4758.5. But the pound soared to a six year high against the German mark of DM2.97 before declining slightly to DM2.9693.

Mr Clarke warned Eddie George, the Bank Governor, to hold back on interest rates. He confirmed that he had rejected the Bank's call to raise rates in the months before the election because he felt the pound was already too strong.

Most Labour MPs have supported Mr Brown's decision to give the Bank operational charge over interest rates, but some are beginning to voice misgivings over the likely impact if rates continue to be used as the main tool for controlling consumer spending.

The renewed rise in the pound prompted the Engineering Employers' Federation to call on the Bank to consider the impact of further interest rate rises on exporters. The federation's latest quarterly survey showed export orders falling to their lowest level in three years. Engineering firms have shed about 18,000 jobs so far this year.

Economists said yesterday that about half the rise in headline inflation had been caused by the May rise in interest rates pushing up mortgage costs. Prices of seasonal foods, which normally fall during the summer, also showed the largest June increase since 1978 due to last month's wet weather.

David Coleman, chief economist at CIBC Wood Gundy, said: "Setting interest rates according to the weather might be stretching bearishness a little too far."

High Street prices of household goods and clothing and footwear, which have enjoyed strong sales recently on the back of windfall payouts, actually fell slightly in June. Service sector inflation also declined from 3.3 per cent to 3.2 per cent.

Separate data produced by the Office for National Statistics showed that tax changes announced in the Budget will eventually add 0.4 per cent to the rate of inflation.

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Third victim

Keith Ridding, 44, yesterday became the third victim of the school coach crash in the French Alps ....Page 5

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Uxbridge by-election on July 31

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

THE Government will face the first test of its standing since the general election at the end of this month.

The Conservative Party is to announce today that a by-election will be held at Uxbridge, Middlesex, on July 31. The Tory-held seat became vacant on the death of Sir Michael Shersby, who held it with a majority of 724 but died soon afterwards.

The timing is seen at Westminster as acknowledgement by the Tories that the Labour honeymoon has some time to run. The plan had been to delay the contest until September in the hope that the Conservatives might have recovered enough by then to give themselves a springboard to the annual conference.

But senior Tories now believe it would be a risk to delay. If the seat were to be lost on July 31, the impact would be less severe than it would be nearer to the conference.

The Tory candidate is John Randall, a local businessman. Labour is putting up Andrew Slaughter, a barrister.

Nolan proposes jail for abuse of public position

By Valerie Elliott, Whitehall Editor

MINISTERS, civil servants, police, magistrates and judges could face jail or a fine if they seek advantage from their public position, Lord Nolan, the public standards watchdog, proposed yesterday. The rule would also apply to any person on a public body or quango.

In a consultation paper published to coincide with his *Report on Standards in Local Government*, Lord Nolan proposed a new criminal offence called misuse of public office.

He called for debate on whether the offence should also apply to privatised companies, such as public utilities, and also to bodies such as grant maintained schools, training and entreprise councils, housing associations and further and higher education institutions.

The new offence is intended to replace the current penalty of surcharging local government members and officials, but would have a direct impact on Whitehall and 40,000 members — many volunteers — who serve on some 1,100 quangos. It also aims to deal not just with cases of serious financial irregularity but could also apply to decisions deemed unlawful or doubtful.

On a personal basis it might apply to someone who had taken a publicly-owned car for their own use, or who was involved in decisions which brought advantage to themselves, their family or their business. It might also apply to decisions taken in malice or in cases of gross negligence.

But the paper adds: "Such negligence would need to be defined to avoid conviction for a momentary lack of judgment."

Lord Nolan said yesterday he hoped the new offence would be part of a package of anti-sleaze measures. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, has already proposed an offence of corruption with up to seven years in jail for people in the public or private sector. MPs and peers are also reviewing the whole area of Parliamentary privilege.

Lord Nolan, Chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, hopes the new law would not discourage people from taking positions in public life and believes it will strengthen their role.

He believes the new offence should be operated so that wrongdoers could be brought before magistrates' courts or stand trial before a judge and jury depending on the gravity of the allegations.

The district auditor is expected to carry out investigations on any financial losses, and the police would investigate any other matter. Any decision to prosecute would be taken by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Lord Nolan said at a press conference in Westminster yesterday: "We really felt there was a serious gap in the law. Surcharge in the past was only applicable to councils and we really believe it should apply across the board."

He joked that his committee was particularly anxious that the new offence should apply to judges and said: "It will produce a much fairer law and the penalty will be tailored to the offence."

Peter Riddell, page 10

Nato agrees to new members

Nato leaders have agreed to invite Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic to join the alliance in time for its fiftieth anniversary in April, 1999.

The decision followed a day of fraught negotiations at the Nato summit in Madrid, during which President Chirac of France had tried to include Romania and Slovenia in the first wave of new member states from Central and Eastern Europe. A determined stand against an expansion of five countries was mounted by President Clinton and Tony Blair ....Page 13

Robbery motive in double killing

Josie Russell, the girl left for dead by the killer of her mother and sister, has for the first time given a detailed account of the attack.

Today is the anniversary of the double murder near Canterbury and police revealed yesterday that robbery was the motive. The attacker, armed with a hammer, demanded money as Josie's mother pleaded for their lives.

Police said 100 suspects would be subjected to DNA tests to see if they provided a match with a hair found at the crime scene ....Page 3

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Lords on shaky ground over Dome that's not a dome

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

Thunder shook the Palace of Westminster yesterday afternoon as the Lord Elton rose in his place for Question 3: *"To ask Her Majesty's Government how they will ensure that it will be clear to all those visiting the projected Millennium Dome that it was built to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ."*

Nobody does these things better than their Lordships.

The Archbishop of Canterbury had looked in to hear the answer, which was discouraging and came from Lord McIntosh of Haringey, speaking for the Government, but not — as he made clear — for the Church of England. The object of millennium celebrations would be, he said, "spiritual and physical renewal". He did not mention Anyone's birthday but added (rather limply, some of their Lordships thought) that the occasion was significant "both for Christians and for anyone who measures time by the Gregorian calendar".

Hmm. This was less than ringing. Lord Elton reminded the House that all a rather Orwellian-sounding "Minister without Portfolio" (Peter Mandelson) had said was that the millennium was "a chance for Britain to make a big statement about itself". It would be, Mandelson had said, "a reaffirmation of faith in the nation's future". But what about the rock on which that faith was founded, asked Lord Elton: the Church?

The Archbishop of Canterbury rose. Anyone hopeful that an archbishop might use such an occasion for a robust restatement of the metaphysical claim upon which his gorgeous robes, palaces, gaiters, mitre, dignity, salary and all the trappings of his office depend, is out of touch with the modern Church of England. Dr Carey said he was most appreciative of this Government's recognition of the Church's desire to be involved. Would that apply inside the Dome, too?

Thanking "the Most Reverend Primate", Lord McIntosh weakened his commitment further, adding that others too would be involved but that "spiritual renewal" included Christians. This was most reassuring. And too much for Lord Longford. Spluttering to his feet, he protested. This was "a Christian country, the millennium should be approached in that spirit".

Lord St John of Fawsley joined the sceptics: "What exactly is going to be inside this Dome?" It was "not a dome at all" in the sense that "St Paul's, St Peter's and St Sofia's domes" were domes. It was, announced Lord St John, "a sort of marquee, tent or *wigwahm*". Peers giggled. Lord McIntosh, feebler by the minute, conceded that the Dome was not a dome. And, as to what was in it, that "is for the millennium company to decide". But he understood there was the "possibility" of including a chapel.

A chapel? There is no pleasing all of their Lordships all of the time. Now Lord Taylor of Gryfe complained. "Is it not inconsistent for Christian celebrations to be financed by the proceeds of gambling?" Lotteries, said Lord Sefton, used to be anathema to the Church. The wretched Lord McIntosh mumbled something about Camelot raising £4 billion for good causes.

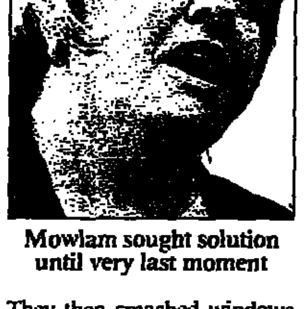
For the Conservatives, Lord Inglewood demanded an assurance that the millennium celebration *"will happen"* — and that it would be (as claimed) "the best on Earth". Lord McIntosh declined to answer on the grounds that he suspected a trap.

Lord Elton returned to the fray. What did ministers mean by talking of the future? "The future began 2,000 years ago." To this came no response from Her Majesty's Government.

Ministers knew Drumcree 'game plan' weeks ago

By Nicholas Watt and Audrey Magee

MO MOWLAM, the Northern Ireland Secretary, faced a barrage of criticism from nationalists yesterday after a leaked Government memo showed that ministers had resigned themselves weeks ago to forcing the Drumcree parade through a Catholic area.



Mowlam sought solution until very last moment

As republican violence shows no signs of abating, John Hume, the SDLP leader, said that the document had seriously damaged the Government's relations with nationalists.

Yesterday afternoon a gang burnt out the 3.00pm Dublin to Belfast train at Newry, Co Down, soon after it had crossed the border into Northern Ireland — the second train to be destroyed this week. Six masked men claiming to be from the IRA boarded the train at the station and ordered passengers to leave. They then smashed windows before setting the train alight with petrol bombs. The gang also claimed that they had left a bomb on board.

The violence and the fallout from Drumcree overshadowed the first meeting of the multi-party talks at Stormont yesterday. During an acrimonious meeting at Stormont, Mr Hume castigated Dr Mowlam over the Government's handling of Drumcree and the leaked memo. Dr Mowlam has launched an inquiry into the leak.

The Northern Ireland Office memo showed that Dr Mowlam and her senior officials recognised as long ago as June 20 that the security forces would have to force the Orange Order march down the mainly Catholic Garvaghy Road. The document, marked confidential and referred to as the "game plan", said that a controlled parade would be the "least worst outcome".

Dr Mowlam said yesterday: "I worked until the last possible moment along with others to achieve a peaceful accommodation. As the document said, the chief constable had not taken the decision and he did not do so until the night before the march. All feasible options were genuinely under consideration until the very last moment."

Ray Burke, the Irish Foreign Minister, relayed Dublin's concerns about the parade during a meeting with Dr Mowlam. Irish government sources said that Dublin's criticisms in public were deliberately soft because ministers believed that Dr Mowlam was a force for good.

The nine political parties at yesterday's Stormont talks agreed that they should resolve the decommissioning of arms issue by July 23. There is little likelihood that they will reach agreement.

☐ Tour operators have started to abandon Northern Ireland and holidaymakers are cancelling bookings because of the violence of recent days. The Northern Ireland Tourist Board said yesterday that a German and an American company had cancelled coach tours and diverted to Co Donegal in the Irish Republic.

Loyalists display their weapons

By Nicholas Watt
Chief Ireland Correspondent

LOYALISTS sent a blunt message that their ceasefire has ended in all but name when a group of masked men brandished automatic weapons on a Belfast street.

Acting with the consent of the Combined Loyalist Military Command, which is supposedly observing a ceasefire, the terrorists staged the publicity stunt hours after a Protestant terrorist blew himself up. Dressed in jeans and sports shoes, the terrorists waved two AK47 automatic rifles, an Uzi submachine gun, an SA80 rifle and a Heckler and Koch rifle in the Woodvale area of north Belfast. Drawn from the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force, which form the loyalist command, they walked up and down a road for about five minutes at about 10.30pm on Monday. They told a reporter from Ulster Television they were defending the Protestant community from an upsurge in republican violence, then disappeared down a side street.

The stunt was designed to boost morale among hardline loyalists after a notorious member of the UDA killed himself as he attempted to defuse a bomb. Brian Morton, 34, died instantly when the device exploded in a field behind a loyalist housing estate in the Dunmurry area of south Belfast on Monday.

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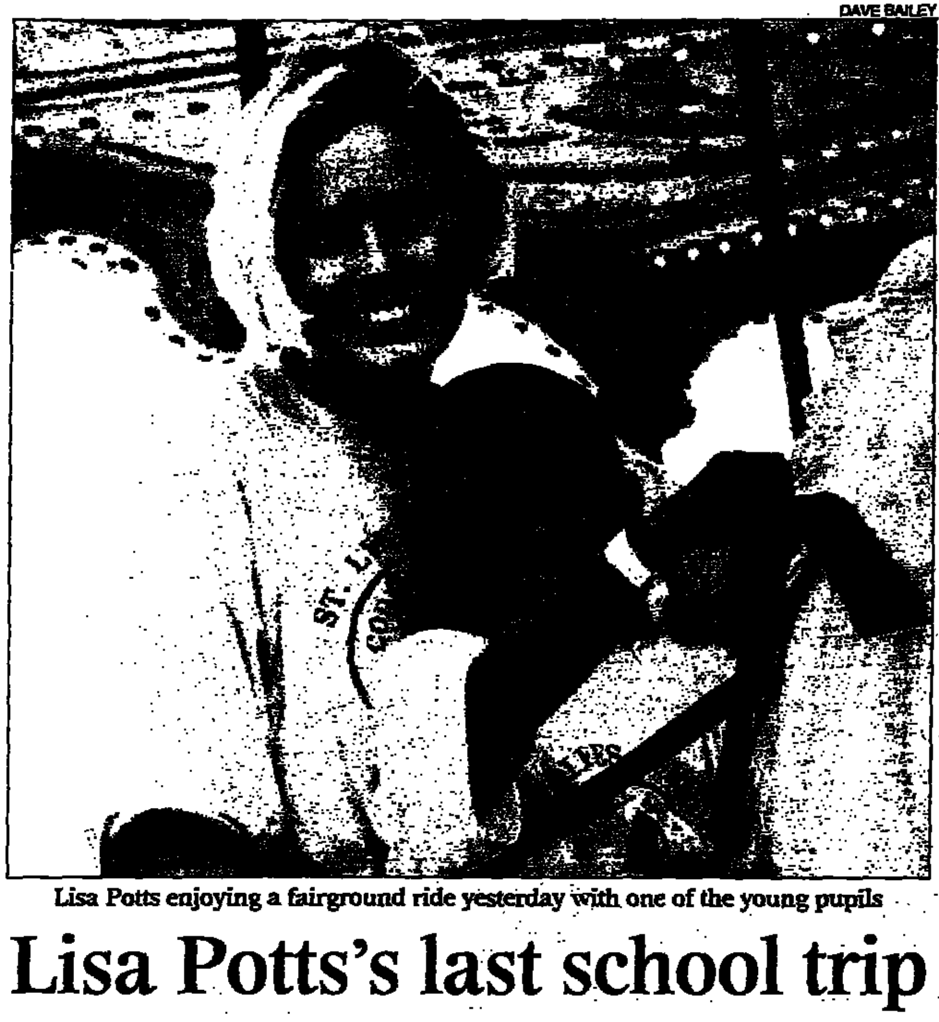

Lisa Potts enjoying a fairground ride yesterday with one of the young pupils

Lisa Potts's last school trip

LISA POTTS, the nursery worker who shielded her class of infants from a machete attacker, said yesterday that she feared her continued presence at the school was a reminder to the children of the attack. On the first anniversary of the day Horrett Campbell went berserk outside St Luke's Infant School in Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, Miss Potts, 22, set out on her final school trip, to Alton Towers, with the children. She is expected to leave her job at the end of this term. "To them I'm no longer the nursery nurse who looked after them and played with the water with them," she said. "Now they only say, 'Miss Potts, where's the man?' when they see me."

September launch for sex offenders' register

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

THE national sex offenders' register that will enable police to track paedophiles around the country is to start operating in September.

Thousands of offenders currently serving prison sentences for sexual offences will have their names put on the police computer that will eventually form the national database.

The launch date of September 1 was disclosed to the Commons as the Government made clear that it plans to introduce an indeterminate sentence for paedophiles. Child sex offenders thus sentenced would only be released if the Parole Board considered it was safe. Cases would be reviewed every two years.

As offenders are convicted, their last known address will go on the register and when they leave jail the new address will also be logged. Home Office figures show that there are an estimated 110,000 convicted paedophiles in England and Wales though, apart from those serving jail terms, the register will not operate retrospectively.

The database will come into operation almost nine months after the Sex Offenders Act received Royal Assent. Under the Act anyone jailed for more than 30 months for a sex offence will be on the register for life; jailed for six to 30 months for ten years; jailed for less than six months for seven years and for a non-custodial sentence for five years.

Offences covered by the new law include rape, intercourse with a girl under 13 and indecent assault.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Defence chiefs back Eurofighter project

Senior defence officials yesterday launched a private campaign to secure the future of the £45 billion Eurofighter project. Days before a crucial meeting of the German cabinet that could decide the project's future, they have taken the unusual step of disclosing their backing for the fighter and their delight with its performance.

With a total of 40,000 British jobs at stake, the Government is expected to reaffirm its commitment today to build up to 700 of the fighters, the first of which are due to come into service in about four years. Britain's share of the bill, for at least 232 aircraft, is estimated at more than £15 billion.

PC on murder charge

A former royal protection officer was charged with the murder of his wife, who was found stabbed to death at a nursing home six months ago. PC Michael Coulton, 52, is due to appear at Bracknell Forest Magistrates' Court today. The body of his wife Patricia, 52, was found in her car at the Lynwood Nursing Home in Sunningdale, Berkshire, on January 12. Five days later her husband was arrested and charged with firearms offences at his home in Woking.

Briton questioned

A British nurse who was born in France has been ordered to prove that he did not dodge French national service. Phillipe Majolet, 28, is on a camping holiday in Biarritz with his British fiancée and her son. Mr Majolet has been told that he can return to Britain on Sunday as planned but that he must report to the French Embassy in London. The case, the second of its kind in a month, was raised by Mr Majolet's MP, Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in the Commons.

Bosnia soldiers killed

Two British soldiers serving with the NATO-led peace force in Bosnia died when their diesel tanker veered off a road and fell down a ravine. Privates Marc Simmonds, 19, of Coleford, Gloucestershire, and Stuart Wilson, 20, of Lymington, Hampshire, both from the Royal Logistic Corps, died near the town of Kljuc, northwestern Bosnia. No other vehicles were involved. The Military Police has opened an investigation into the incident.

Robbers admit hold-up

Two masked robbers who held up a packed commuter train with an imitation pistol and a machete changed their pleas to guilty at the Old Bailey yesterday. Anthony, 28, and Aaron Baxter, 20, admitted robbing passengers on a train from London to Dartford, Kent, in October. The brothers were betrayed by one of their girlfriends who informed police that they were responsible for the attack.

School reprimanded

A school "named and shamed" by the Government and facing closure if it does not improve has been ordered to stop extolling its teaching standards. The Advertising Standards Authority ruled that Ashburton High School, in Croydon, south London, could bill itself as "a school to be proud of" in local newspaper advertisements but not claim that it offered "teaching to match individual needs at all levels".

BA perks threat

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cabin staff reported sick yesterday in what BA saw as a sign that many Bassa members were against the stoppage. On an average day, about 120 staff call in sick. The airline also said that an increasing number of TGWU members had registered their intention to work normally today.

The high sick roll meant that 30 flights were cancelled yesterday, but the airline has increased its estimate of the number of services that will take off today. It now expects to run about a third of its short-haul and European services to and from Heathrow, half of its intercontinental flights from Heathrow and a third of its intercontinental flights from Gatwick.

Passengers who arrive at the airport to find their flight has been cancelled will be given meal vouchers and phone cards while staff try to book them on other airlines or on Eurostar. Check-in desks and lounges will be operating normally and BA staff will be on duty on the Eurostar platform at Waterloo.

The airline has booked more than 3,000 hotel rooms near the airports for passengers who cannot get an alternative flight today and for non-strikers. Other employees will be collected by coach or taxi. Strike-breakers will not be required to wear uniform, to avoid identification by pickets, and security staff will patrol employees' car parks.

BA also intends to video the picket lines, which the TGWU has said will become parties with strikers invited to bring their families along.

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WHO'S WHO IN THE STRIKE

Bob Ayling: Chief Executive of British Airways, aged 52. Since taking over as chief executive from Sir Colin Marshall at the beginning of last year he has introduced a series of cost cutting measures with the cold eye of a lawyer and a former senior civil servant. Joined the Department of Trade in 1973. His talent was quickly spotted by Lord King and in 1985 he was appointed legal director. Later he also became company secretary.

He is a Labour supporter.

Mike Street: Director of Operations. Now 49 he joined the airline in 1963 as a teenage apprentice and worked his way up to be head of the whole flying programme. He attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before returning to Heathrow and appointed director of operations in December 1995. Mr Street is now responsible for a £2.7 billion budget and for flight crew, worldwide fuel purchase, logistics management and properties worldwide.

Bill Morris: General Secretary of the TGWU, aged 58. One of Labour and the TUC's senior figures and Britain's first black union leader. The Labour leadership has warmed to him as one of the most helpful of the big union leaders.

George Ryde: TGWU's national aviation secretary and its chief negotiator in the BA dispute. Aged 49, the former London dustman in his youth played in a pop group called the Deerstalkers, who took in 1962 a version of the old Coasters' hit, *Little Egypt* into the charts. Respected by BA, he fought unsuccessfully to stop the breakaway Cabin Crew '89 union from forming. He is well regarded by the leadership as the head of one of the few sections where membership is rising.

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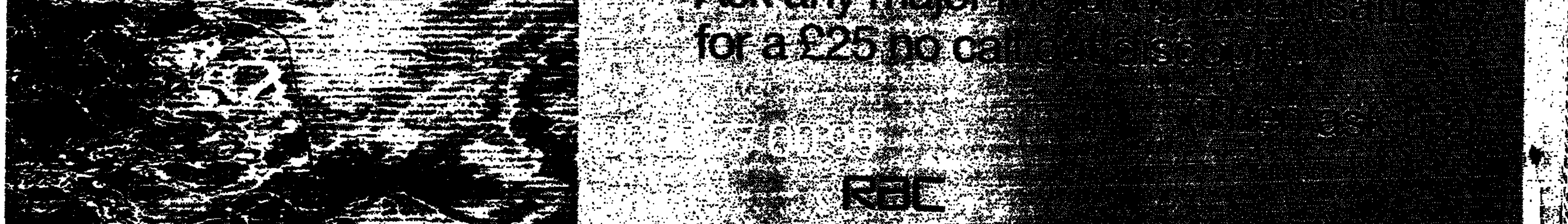

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Josie tells how killer demanded money

Police say motive for hammer deaths was robbery or bizarre fantasy

BY LIN JENKINS

JOSIE RUSSELL, who was left for dead in the brutal assault which killed her mother and younger sister a year ago, has now been able to tell police that the attack may have started as an attempted robbery.

Her painstaking recovery from the brain damage she suffered has allowed her to describe how the attacker demanded money. Her mother, Lin, 45, pleaded for their lives, before she, Josie's sister Megan, 6, and the family dog were repeatedly bludgeoned with a hammer in woods near their home at Chillenden, Kent.

Detective Chief Inspector David Stevens, leading the inquiry, yesterday gave what he described as a sanitised version of the account given in recent weeks during interviews with specially trained officers. "She had not long got into the lane when a car passed her from behind. They continued walking. As they rounded a bend, the car was in front of them." Josie thought it was a reddish colour.

"As they approached the car, the man removed a hammer from the rear parcel shelf. He walked over to Lin and the children and said 'Give me your money' and 'I want your money.'

"Lin said 'No'. She did not have any on her, anyway. He repeated his demand for money, and Lin said, 'I will go home and get some, I don't live far away.' The man began his murderous attack. Lin shouted, 'Please don't hurt us.'

"She shouted to Josie to run, and Josie ran off towards a nearby house, the only house, which was unfortunately temporarily unoccupied. The man chased her, grabbed her, and brought her back." The family was ordered into a glade and tied with a ripped-up towel. "Josie almost certainly heard her mother's injuries being inflicted on her. Thank God she did not see it.

"The man actually asked Josie if her bindings were too tight. He began searching through the lunchboxes, which we know had nothing in them. Lin was hit again. The man then does not speak any more. She did not see her sister, Megan, being hit by the hammer, or Lucy, the dog, but she saw an awful lot. She has described someone similar to that we have in the E-fit.

"What Josie has told us is pretty traumatic. It has massively helped our inquiry, but I have mixed emotions, because Josie had to live through that — perhaps it was better that she had no memory of it."

The account was pieced together first by using models and pictures, and then, as Josie regained speech, in halting words, since May.

Mr Stevens said her account suggests the man might have been a robber — "or it could be that money was a deception, a deceitful motive for dialogue. Perhaps it was instead of, 'I want to murder you.' It could still be a person who had an awful, bizarre fantasy which became reality this day."

Police plan to resume interviewing Josie in a fortnight, but over the anniversary of the deaths will leave her with her father, Shaun Russell, 46, who has moved with Josie from Kent to North Wales. He said that his daughter would spend anniversary of the murders at school as usual.

"She wants to walk home from school and I won't let her," Mr Russell said. "I don't want to tell her, 'There is a murderer out there who might still attack you'. It is still a struggle to argue with her about things like that. But there is someone out there who could harm her. He and his daughter who are not planning to mark the anniversary in any special way, do not make a special event of Lin and Megan's birthdays.

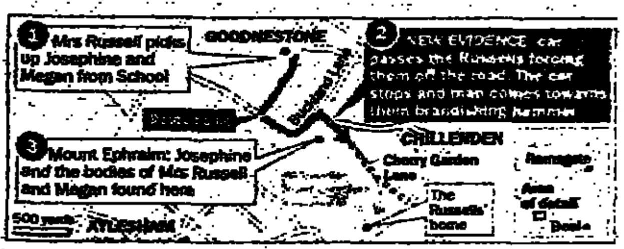
"We are not going to be indulging in any morbid ceremony. I am not going to put on a black tie or anything like that. There are plenty of times you are reminded about it.

"On Sunday morning I was at the grave. It is still like a dream to me to have to look at the names of my wife and daughter on it — such young people."

Mr Russell, a botanist, who has just completed a contract at Kent University, will spend some of the anniversary preparing to find a job. He said his dark despair in the days after the murders were removed only by Josie's needs. Suicide had crossed his mind more than once. "When I realised Josie was still alive and needed help, my whole way of looking at life changed.

"She is a normal, wilful, strong-minded little girl. The person I am looking after has given me cause for carrying on."

Lin Russell and Megan, who were bludgeoned to death. Josie heard the attack on her mother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Josie Russell on the anniversary of the murders. Her father said: "She has given me cause for carrying on"

New genetic checks narrow the search

BY LIN JENKINS

ONE hundred suspects are to undergo a new type of genetic test to discover whether they murdered Lin and Megan Russell a year ago.

Tests developed specifically for the murder inquiry have revealed a DNA profile of the suspected killer from hair found at the murder scene. The tests can detect mitochondrial DNA in dead hair where previously a living cell was required. Each one takes three weeks to produce results and only a few can be conducted at a time.

Detective Chief Inspector David Stevens, who is leading the inquiry, said the test, devised by Dr Janet Thompson, head of the Forensic Science Service, was a breakthrough. "We have a profile so we have something to compare suspects with. Unfortunately the test has to be carried out on dead hair and cannot be checked against the DNA database."

The first 100 to be tested will be selected from the 1,100 people already interviewed — a group which "very possibly" includes the killer, he said.

Little forensic evidence had been found because the killer was clever and removed items from the murder scene. A child's swimming towel he had torn into strips to gag and bind the three had been removed and dumped in a hedge near by. The murder weapon has not been found.

"I am sure that this offender was forensically aware. This person does not want to be caught," he said. However, he maintained that Operation Scribe was close to catching the killer. "I have great anticipation that the anniversary will give us information that will be very relevant."

Mr Stevens appealed to wives, girlfriends and mothers to come forward if they had reason to suspect someone. He also called on solicitors, doctors, social workers and prison officers to do the same. People should not be dissuaded by fears that they might be wasting police time. "It could be that vital piece of information if linked together with others. Let us be the judge of the relevance."

Inquiries have taken up to 50 officers around the country and also to France, Belgium, the United States, Australia, Africa and South America. International intelligence systems have been used to make links with similar crimes.

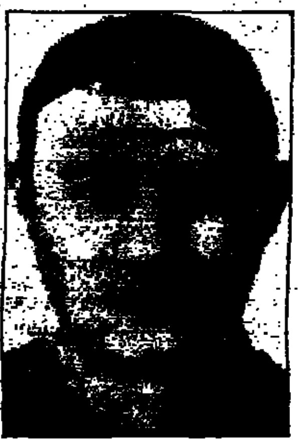
One woman, of similar age to Mrs Russell, with two young children and a dog, had come forward only this year to recount an incident last June nine days before the murders.

She had been frightened by a stranger while out for a walk at Betteshanger about four miles from the murder scene. A car drove past her, stopped, then a man holding a carrier bag got out. "He looked very threateningly towards the lady. She was terrified and turned on her heels to walk away. He turned away and got back in the car," Mr Stevens said.

The man was in his early thirties, of medium build, with blond hair and drove a beige car, probably an old, small BMW with a GB sticker.

Mr Stevens said he also still wanted to trace a man who almost collided with a woman motorist while driving from the direction of the murder scene. Her description was used for the E-fit released by police. "There is a good chance this is a good likeness to our murderer," he said. The light-coloured car he was driving had rear mudflaps and an anti-static strip.

Police have also not found the man seen running across the road near the scene at about the time of the killings or the man seen stuffing what was later found to be a bloodstained towel into a hedge near by.


E-fit image of the man police want to interview

Electronic pet may make monster out of owners

BY ANJANA AHUJA

AFTER the Tamagotchi, the portable electronic toy that has to be "fed" and "entertained" to survive, the next playground fad will be aimed at teenage boys. The Digital Monster will also have to be "nurtured", but owners of the virtual dinosaurs will be able to send their pets into combat.

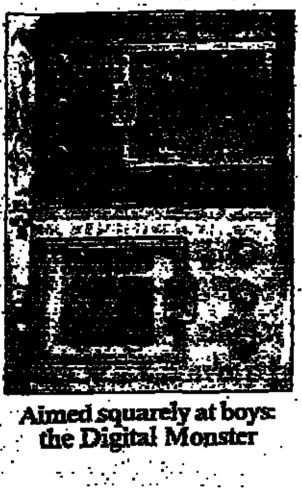
The monsters will have to be fed "protein" as they grow. The square hand-held units can be linked together and animals can be moved from one unit to another to engage in battle. The welfare of the creatures will depend on whether they are given work-outs and training sessions before each bout, how well they are treated after injuries and how many fights they win.

Digital Monster will be launched by the Bandai Corporation, makers of Tamagotchi, in Japan later this year. Enthusiasts in Britain will be able to acquire their own dinosaurs towards the end of the year. It is expected to retail at the same price as a Tamagotchi (£10 to £14).

Tamagotchi, meaning "lovable egg" in Japanese, was launched two months ago in Britain, and is still a sell-out. Two jumbo jets full of the toys arrive in London from Tokyo every week. The egg hatches to reveal a small chick, and owners have to attend to its every need. Diligent carers, who carry the creatures around on a pendant, are rewarded with appreciative squeaks, and their pet reaches adulthood and then goes to heaven. Unhappy animals snarl and squeal at their keepers. The current record "lifespan" for a Tamagotchi is 32 days. It is estimated that 20 million people in Japan — one in six of the population — own one.

However, their popularity has been viewed with caution. Teachers have complained that the animals, which bleep if they require attention, disrupt classes. Psychologists have said that some children can be traumatised by the "death" of their electronic animals. There are even said to be some children who derive disturbing pleasure from inflicting long, lingering deaths on their charges.

Tamagotchi could also face a threat from the 10 Micro Pet, a British cyber puppy that boasts a memory chip twice as large. Its Swindon-based manufacturer, Bluebird Toys, said the pocket-sized electronic puppy would teach their owners more traditional petcare skills, largely because of its ability to foul the carpet if left unattended. It also can sing, howl, do tricks, change facial expression, mate, and, if unhappy, run away.


Aimed squarely at boys: the Digital Monster

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Mother holds third coach victim as he dies

A Frenchwoman and child at the crash scene yesterday. Investigators said that the way the coach hit the trees kept the death toll down

Survivors flying home to school in mourning for holiday victims

By Russell Jenkins

KEITH RIDDING'S mother arrived at his hospital bedside just in time to cradle him in her arms before he died, the third teenage victim of Monday's school coach crash in the French Alps. Carole Ridding was able to hold and kiss her 14-year-old son before he died in the early hours, the boy's head teacher said yesterday.

As the surviving pupils prepared to fly home last night, a stream of children, some with their parents, went to St James's Church of England School at Farnworth, near Bolton, to pay their respects to their dead and injured friends, who had been on a week's adventure holiday. Dozens of bouquets were laid at the gates, each with its own handwritten message of condolence for the three pupils — Nicola Moore, 15, Robert Boardman, 14, and Keith Ridding — who died when the coach plunged off the mountain road into a ravine.

David Bowes, the head teacher, said he had had an early morning telephone call from Barbara Stansfield, head of modern languages, who had accompanied Mrs Ridding to Grenoble. She told him that Keith had died "quietly with his mother beside him".

Mr Bowes said: "We are grateful, thank God, that she was able to get there to hold him and kiss him and to be with him at the moment he died. We are very sad about the outcome but we are grateful that Carole could be with her son at that time."

He said that Mrs Ridding and the teacher were able to rejoin the 12 pupils flying home to Manchester airport on a plane chartered by insurers. Only one girl, who has back injuries and has to be moved on a stretcher, was staying behind. She will return today with a doctor and one of her teachers. Yesterday she had not been told of the deaths of her friends. She was said to be particularly close to the dead girl.

"There were 23 people on board the coach, including the 16 schoolchildren, their two teachers, four other adults and the driver."

Yesterday morning, groups of children emerged briefly into the sunlight at Bourg St-Maurice hospital, one of two where survivors have been treated. The other was at Moûtiers, where the coach driver, Jim Shaw, was being treated for broken ribs and bruising.

Andrew Leigh, 35, head of PE at St James's School, said: "When the children found out [about the deaths], they handled it in different ways, but they have all helped each other out. Last night we went out, watched the sun set and said a few prayers and talked about those who had died."

Mr Leigh was with another group of pupils, on a walk, and did not find out about the accident until eight hours afterwards. The children had paid £320 each for the holiday and were to have returned to the North West on Saturday. They were staying at a chalet in the village of Plan-Peisey run by an English couple who call their company Alpine Action.

Richard Chant, an instructor who survived the crash, said that the children not involved in the accident were distraught. "You can imagine what the atmosphere is like."

Jean-Michel Olivetti, who treated the children at Bourg St-Maurice, said: "They are all well. We gave them something to help them sleep and they spent a good night. They have not yet seen a psychologist, but we hope that will be organised for them in England."

One teenage boy who was on the coach when it crashed said yesterday: "The coach slipped off the road, rolled over, jumped in the air, rolled again, until it hit a tree and stopped."

Warning sign on the road before the crash scene

Investigators in France said last night that many more children would have been killed had the roof or the sides of the bus, rather than the chassis, borne most of the impact when it hit trees in the ravine near Notre Dame du Pré.

Mr Bowes said the school would stay closed until Monday, when pupils and staff would take part in a special service to "thank God for the fact that we are all together and pray for the families of the three precious youngsters who died.

"We are a church school," Mr Bowes said. "We care for one another. We love one another. The children are God's children. They are special gifts. As they come home we want to hold them close."

Nicola Moore, who died instantly at the crash scene, was an outstanding pupil whose report was littered with As, Mr Bowes said. She was popular, vivacious, lovely and enthusiastic, with lots of friends and huge potential. "I have just read through her report. It is all As, an outstanding girl, a real star, a keen artist and sportswoman. It is such a sad loss."

Nicola's mother, Sue Moore, has been the school's reprographic technician for some years. "Nicola is all over this house," she had said on Monday. "She was a ray of sunshine."

Robert Boardman was quiet, caring, kind and considerate. He was "totally reliable and utterly co-operative with everybody". Mr Bowes said: "He was growing in confidence and we were watching him flower as a wonderful human being."

Keith Ridding, cheerful, friendly and always helpful, was Robert's best friend. They even changed classes and subjects so they could be together. They swopped Red Dwarf videos, Mr Bowes said. "They were full of life, carefree and enjoyed being friends and sadly their lives are cut short."

The bouquets at the school gates carried poignant messages from fellow pupils. One said, "You will always be in our minds"; another, "To all my friends in God's safe hands".

A party from the school in Holland as part of the "curriculum enhancement week" is returning overnight; another party of younger pupils camping in Wales will go home a day early. "The school gates, its doors and certainly our hearts will be open to everybody who wishes to be here with us," Mr Bowes said.

Robert Boardman, one of two close friends who died

Police question crash driver in hospital

From Susan Bell and Adrian Lee in Moûtiers, France

FRENCH police yesterday questioned the driver of the coach carrying the children from St James's School which crashed on Monday, killing three of them.

As Jim Shaw, 43, remained in hospital, police led by René Ternoy, the public prosecutor, were concentrating on accounts from survivors, the driver, and the mechanical condition of the 25-seater coach.

Mr Shaw was visited yesterday by Brian Pullen, the British Consul in Lyons, who said: "He is shocked. He knows children are dead and he is having trouble coming to terms with that. I have had indications from the French police and officials that there will not be a prosecution."

However one policeman involved in the investigation said: "It is still too early to say if charges will be pressed. Under French law it would not be unreasonable in a case where three people have died for a charge of manslaughter to be brought."

It emerged yesterday that the coach passed a warning sign less than a mile before it crashed warning hat the road, the D88, was narrow and not suitable for long vehicles. Police said the word "long" implied weight as well as length, but was not specific.

Mr Shaw, from Stockport, Manchester, was said by industry reppresentatives in Britain to be an experienced coach driver. He had considerable experience of driving on the Continent and had worked on similar Alpine school trips in the past.

He works for Stockport-based National Holidays, formerly CharterPlan, and is reported as saying of the crash: "One minute I was on the road, the next minute I wasn't."

Euro 96 steward 'stabbed employer'

By Kathryn Knight

A STEWARD at a Euro 96 football match stabbed and bludgeoned his female employer after she reprimanded him for letting in spectators to the England-Switzerland game, a court was told yesterday.

Nicola Laws, 23, was left for dead by Carver Fisher two days after she told him that he was not doing his job properly by allowing in about 20 people who had not paid. She wept as she told the Old Bailey jury how Mr Fisher had stabbed her, shouting: "When you go to hell, you will always remember my name."

Mr Fisher had been hired by Miss Laws, who worked as an administrator for a security firm, the day before the match on June 10. Miss Law described how Mr Fisher had hit her repeatedly on the head with a hammer, slashed her arms and chest with a flick knife and tried to strangle her. After the attack she had managed to crawl to the door before losing consciousness, then woke up in hospital.

Mr Fisher, of Tottenham, north London, denies attempted murder. The trial continues.

TA woman says rape left her on drugs

By Joanna Bale

A FORMER Territorial Army private told an industrial tribunal yesterday that she had been dependent on anti-depressant drugs after nearly three years of "institutionalised harassment".

The woman says that after she was raped by a captain and punched, indecently assaulted and sexually insulted by other male colleagues, she was unable to form relationships with men.

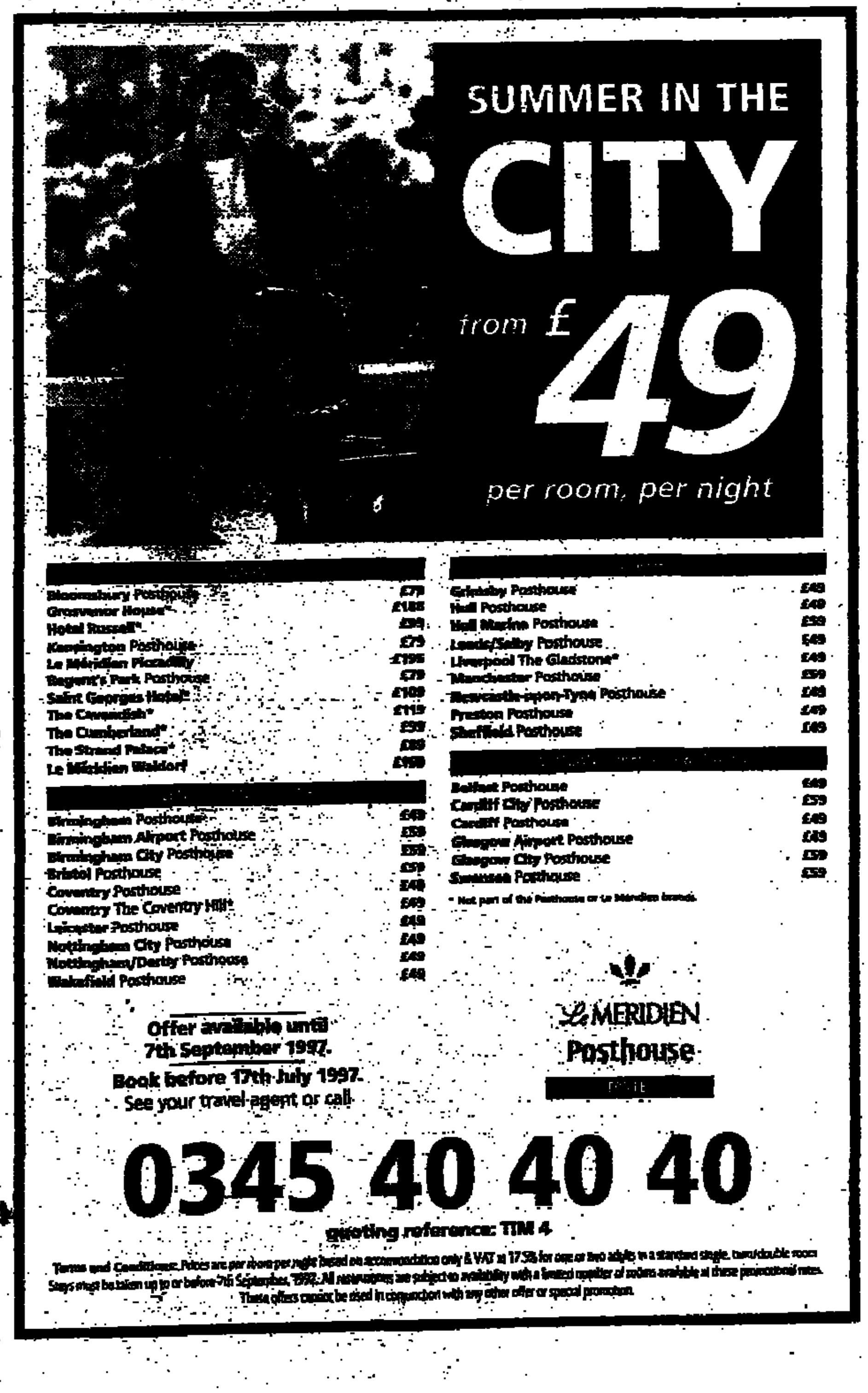
She sobbed quietly as she told the tribunal in central London, which is hearing her sexual harassment claim: "My self-confidence had been completely destroyed. I had got to the point where I would accept virtually anything by way of bad treatment."

The 35-year-old woman from London, who served in the TA from 1992 to 1995, said: "I realised, having made my decision to leave, that I had become extremely depressed and withdrawn. I couldn't sleep properly and I couldn't think properly.

"I went to see my doctor and was prescribed Prozac. I'm still taking that. I remember that after my resignation I found it very difficult to go outside. I would stay mainly in the house, usually in bed with the curtains closed."

Under cross-examination, she admitted signing forms to extend her service. She said that she had hoped to win promotion as a lance-corporal. She denied that her resignation had been brought about by her fear of failing imminent examinations.

The case continues.



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Drama schools are booed for failing to teach Shakespeare

Young actors show lack of grounding in classics, **Dalya Alberge** reports

Classic acts: Olivier and Richardson

BRICKBATS were thrown at drama schools yesterday for failing to train young actors in Shakespeare and classical dramatists. The schools were accused of ignoring speech and literature and leaning too heavily towards television.

Adrian Noble, the artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, said the new generation of drama graduates did not match such actors as Kenneth Branagh, Mark Rylance, Ralph Fiennes and Alex Jennings, whose "gift with words" he compared with the work of Laurence Olivier, Ralph Richardson and Alec Guinness.

Mr Noble, whose company is auditioning for *Twelfth Night*, said that acting suffered without grounding in classical drama. He was dismayed at the performances of some younger actors.

Through classical drama actors could relate poetic language to thought and meaning. "It comes down to the craft, a love of language" — classical theatre equipped actors to explore "the soul, emotions and terrors".

Opening his copy of *Twelfth Night* at one of its most famous lines, "If music be the food of love, play on", he spoke of shape and form, and how Shakespeare wrote in verse to help the actors to convey meaning. Such understanding nourished the ear as well as the eye of the audience. "There is a tendency in drama schools to teach behaviour rather than acting," he said.

"If you play King Lear or Viola, you're required to bring to bear upon it an imagination, a quality of passion and breadth of passion that is beyond behaviour." Drama school was all the more important because of the demise of repertory theatres where actors once learnt their trade.

Mr Noble's views were echoed by other leading directors. Jonathan Miller said: "Over the years, because of the success of performance art, language has somehow become perceived as trivial and that what matters is the experience of the body. There has been a rejection of literature."

Commenting on diction, he added: "People don't pronounce and clarify. That's regarded as somehow elitist, the possession of the middle classes."

John Barton, an honorary associate director of the RSC, who is working on another *Playing Shakespeare* series for television, said: "It's not a British problem. They are worried about the same thing in America, where I do a lot of Shakespeare workshops. They also complain that they cannot get a classical training.

"Good young actors come to Stratford and are terrified of Shakespeare because they've not had the grounding. Very few actors can pick up a Shakespeare play and handle it straight away." But training was not wholly to blame, Mr Barton said. Actors were no longer stretched by appearing in large theatres, as most were working in television and small theatres.

"I remember 30 years ago, people would project and have better diction. Naturally, in an increasingly visual culture, with more television and film, that doesn't make the same linguistic demands."

Cicely Berry, voice director of the RSC, expressed sympathy for drama schools, which had to train actors to earn a living. Training must prepare them for television and musicals as well as theatre.

Professor Stanley Wells, director of the Shakespeare Institute at Birmingham University, said: "Quite often, I feel deficiencies in speaking, deficiencies in actual understanding. I certainly found this once or twice in the National's *Lear*. People were accenting the wrong words."

Sir John Gielgud said he was fortunate to have played in Shakespeare and other writing with "fine language": "I'd always appreciated it and read a great deal." Diction was "terribly important", he said, lamenting the damage done by microphones.

ROBIN MAYES

Deserving applause: London children taking a bow for a performance of *Julius Caesar* at the Globe Theatre

Mr Noble added: "The acid test is whether or not actors are in command of the form and own the language. Unless they have, they haven't cracked it."

Professor Bob Fowler, principal of the Central School of Speech and Drama, whose graduates have included Lord Olivier, Dame Judi Dench and Vanessa Redgrave, said that British theatre training was as good as any in the world, but students did not leave as fully-fledged actors: "Like a driving test, once the students are on the road, it's up to the directors to take on the job."

Drama schools were let down by the education system, Professor Fowler said. "Thirty years ago, students came with a vocabulary of Shakespeare from school. They knew at least two Shakespeare plays. That school education has gone. We have to start on a remedial level."

It was not just a question of more emphasis on classical training: "When they go for auditions, the majority are asked to sing, dance and move. They go into television and have to be flexible. We have to bear in mind these kids want a job. There's not enough Shakespeare around." He said that Sir Cameron Mackintosh, another ex-Central student, had founded the chair of theatre at Oxford, which has not been held by Shakespearean or classical scholars: "It's been held by Stephen Sondheim and Arthur Miller. That's the way the world is going."

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Drought blamed for rise in drinking water pollution

Nick Nuttall reports on the nation's liquid assets

DROUGHT has been blamed for an increase in incidents of foul drinking water. Bacterial contamination of the mains network is also on the rise with the warm weather suspected of allowing the bacteria to thrive.

Overall, the quality of the nation's drinking water, including toxic metals and pesticides, continues to improve, a Drinking Water Inspectorate report said yesterday. Compared to the rest of Europe, British drinking water is among the cleanest, the inspectorate said.

However, Michael Rouse, the chief inspector, said there was concern over the way water companies were managing their distribution networks. Their efforts to maintain pressure and keep drinking water circulating in some areas during the past three years of drought was causing new difficulties in maintaining high standards. Underground and river resources, which had previously been judged too contaminated to consider, are being brought into use to supplement dwindling resources.

Water companies are involved in a range of new activities which are leading to sediments in mains and local pipes, in some cases decades old, being flushed up into household taps. These actions, aimed at tackling the drought, include experimenting with pressures and altering, and in some cases reversing, flows in mains and other supply pipes.

Mr Rouse said that the new manangement tactics had been accompanied by a rise in cases of discoloured water and water that smells different. Water companies were partly to blame, and the inspectorate was investigating, he said.

"We will prosecute water companies if they make mistakes and supply discoloured water," he said. "I am asking water companies involved to consider urgently how they might improve the operation of their distribution systems."

Mr Rouse said that the inspectorate had urged water companies to step up disinfection of supplies when pressures drop or bursts occur. Some experts believe that, during the current drought, the water companies are dropping pressures to stop water escaping from tiny leaks to conserve supplies. It is feared, however, that this will allow soil organisms, including the stomach parasite cryptosporidium, to enter the mains network.

Figures for 1996, released yesterday, show that the number of supply zones, or areas of up to 50,000 people, where the water did not comply with smell, discolouration or basic bacterial standards, rose when compared with 1994. There are 2,419 supply zones in England and Wales. The number not complying with coliforms, bacterial indicators, almost trebled from 0.5 per cent to 1.2 per cent, or an increase from 120 zones failing to 290.

The number not complying with odour rose from 0.7 per cent, or 169 zones, to 2.9 per cent, or 702 zones. Breaches of lead, pesticide, nitrate and many other pollutants continue to fall.

The inspectorate also announced the re-establishment of an expert group to look at cryptosporidium in supplies. The move comes after a rise in cases, including a recent outbreak in an area served by Three Valleys Water in north London and Hertfordshire.

The minute parasite is endemic in farm and other animals and causes diarrhoea in humans. It can be transmitted by water supplies and current treatment processes cannot remove or deactivate it completely.

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Prêt à porter: a multicoloured tunic featured in the sale

Clothes auction offers glimpse of Street fashion

By Joanna Bale

FOLLOWING hot on the heels of Diana, Princess of Wales, the broadcaster Janet Street-Porter is to auction her wardrobe at Christie's. There may not be the kudos of a royal connection, but the Princess's sale featured neither a blouse with printed pink teddy bears nor a fluorescent pink mini-dress.

The auction includes more than 60 items, worth £6,000, which date from the early 1950s to the late 1980s and includes designs by Zandra Rhodes, Vivienne Westwood and Ossie Clark.

While the Princess of Wales's dress size fluctuated from 8 to 12 during her unhappy marriage, Ms Street-Porter's has remained a stick-thin size 10, according to Christie's.

Among the most dazzling creations are a turquoise silk blouse and wrap-over skirt printed with bold African-inspired pink and red flowers. It was made by Zandra Rhodes for Ms Street-Porter to wear at Elton John's wedding to Renate Blauel in 1984. Its value is estimated at anywhere between £25 and £200.

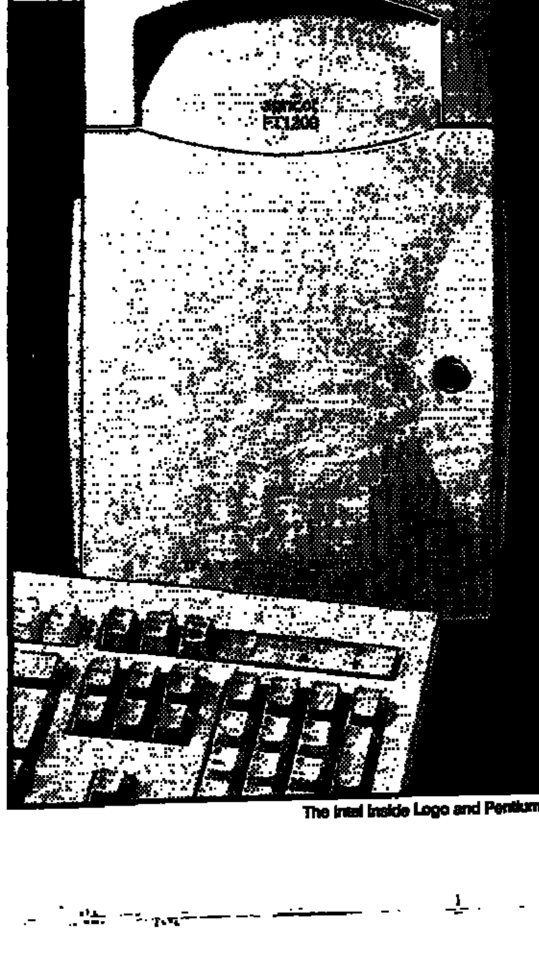
The same designer's vivid pink jersey top and trousers, worn by Ms Street-Porter in 1976 when she married the journalist Anthony Elliott, the second of her four husbands, was inspired by Elizabethan costume and is estimated to be worth £200 to £300.

The sale also includes a 1950s multicoloured sequinned and beaded tunic with a "comedy tragedy design" bought in Hollywood, and a "beach outfit" which includes a minidress, belt and bonnet of red and blue squares.

Also by Zandra Rhodes and dating from 1965-67, is a fluorescent pink mini-dress in "Mr Man and Lightbulb" print, a pair of high-waisted shorts of white cotton printed with lipsticks and a blouse with printed pink teddy bears.

Jill Potterton of Christie's said: "She was 50 quite recently and I think she wanted to have a big clear-out. She sold her collection of fans recently to finance a new kitchen at her home in east London. I think she will use the money from this auction for something similar."

The collection will be sold in London in September.



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Marchers take their fight for field sports to heart of London

Michael Hornsby previews plans by hunt enthusiasts for a mass rally

TENS of thousands of demonstrators are to converge on Hyde Park in central London tomorrow in the biggest show of support for hunting and field sports ever seen.

Hunting enthusiasts are hoping the Countryside Rally will send a strong message to Downing Street about the resentment felt by country dwellers at the perceived threat to their way of life from an intolerant and ignorant urban majority.

A Private Member's Bill to outlaw hunting with hounds, which was tabled last month by the Labour MP Michael Foster, is scheduled for a second reading in the Commons on November 28, and is almost certain to receive the backing of a majority of MPs.

Defenders of country sports are hoping that the Bill will run into trouble in the House of Lords and the committee stages of its passage through Parliament and eventually run out of time. Whether the Bill succeeds is likely to depend on the legislative importance attached to it by the Labour leadership.

A delegation of those attending the rally will travel in a double-decker bus to deliver a petition to Downing Street. This is expected to remind Tony Blair of the wish he expressed during the general election to represent the whole country and not just sectional interests. A rival animal welfare petition, protesting against the killing of wildlife for entertainment and signed by 1.5 million people, is to be delivered on the same day by another backbench Labour MP, Kerry Pollard.

The rally will open at 11am with a speech by Robin Hanbury-Tenison, the explorer and Cornwall farmer who since 1995 has been chief executive of the British Field Sports Society, which is organising the protest.

On taking office, Mr Hanbury-Tenison said he saw the hunting of foxes and deer as "conservation culling". He added: "Of course, we are all opposed to gratuitous cruelty, but I would defend all the refined methods of country sports in Britain which have, over time, eliminated all elements of cruelty and are now the kindest and best way of maintaining the countryside."

Among other speakers will be Baroness Mallalieu, who heads Leave Country Sports Alone, a pressure group formed three years ago to represent the small but influential minority of Labour MPs and supporters openly opposed to a ban on hunting.

Many of the more than 300 hunts in Britain, as well as country estates and businesses, such as saddlers and livery stables, have given their employees the day off on Thursday so that they can attend the rally. Scotland and Wales and every county in England will be represented at the rally, their presence marked by balloons bearing their names.

Plans to stage various musical entertainments, including a concert of French hunting horns, have been abandoned because the Royal Parks Agency said this would turn the rally into an "event", for which the organisers would be charged much more.

The League Against Cruel Sports said yesterday it had intructed its followers to stay away from the rally. John Bryant, the league's chief spokesman, said: "The last thing we want is a punch-up."

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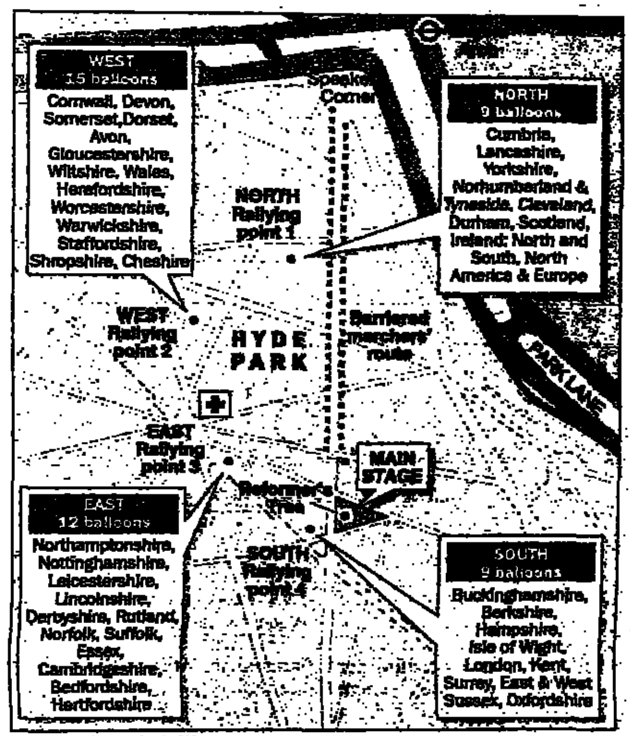
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William Hague's fiancée, Ffion Jenkins, is persuaded to tickle a ferret on their visit to the Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate yesterday

Hague defends country freedoms

Leader's backing will initiate pro-hunt campaign. **James Landale** reports

WILLIAM HAGUE will throw his support behind the thousands of country dwellers descending on London tomorrow for a mass rally in defence of their rural ways of life.

The Tory party leader will attend the demonstration in Hyde Park protesting against plans to ban hunting and other country sports. His decision to back the pro-hunting lobby means that the Tories will mount a strong campaign in Parliament against a Bill introduced by a Labour MP to ban hunting with hounds.

Although Mr Hague will be expressing his personal support and will give Tory MPs a free vote on hunting, he will urge them to join him in defending country freedoms.

A Conservative spokesman said that Mr Hague, who does not hunt, did not believe the issue was just about hunting but about defending basic freedoms. "His view is that you have to defend freedoms even if they are unpopular."

Although Mr Hague will not speak at the rally, other senior Tories, including Michael Heseltine, the former Deputy Prime Minister, will lend their voices to the campaign.

Janet George, a spokesman for the Countryside Alliance, said that it was delighted that Mr Hague was coming. "We would be equally delighted if Tony Blair were to come and give his support," she said.

As part of his campaign to show his support for country matters, the Tory leader and his fiancée, Ffion Jenkins, yesterday tickled ferrets, patted other animals, and discussed country matters with visitors at the Great Yorkshire Show in Harrogate. Mr Hague, whose constituency is in Richmond, North Yorkshire, met huntsmen from the area and reaffirmed his support for hunting, saying it created jobs and helped conservation. The Government has given its tacit backing to a Private Member's Bill introduced by Michael Foster, Labour MP for Worcester, to ban hunting with hounds. The Bill, which will prohibit hunting foxes, deer, hare and mink, comes up for its second reading in November and is likely to be supported by most Labour MPs. However, the Bill will be fiercely opposed in the Lords.

Supporters converge by road, rail and air

CENTRAL London can expect severe congestion tomorrow as upwards of 80,000 people converge on Hyde Park for the rally in support of country sports (Michael Hornsby writes).

The British Field Sports Society, the rally organiser, says that at least 65,000 people will be brought to the capital in 910 coaches and 12 chartered trains. Thousands of others are expected to make their own way.

Coaches will drop rally supporters at different points round the capital, including Wembley stadium, Ealing Common, Earls Court and the Victoria and Vauxhall coach parks. They will travel on by Underground. Around 140 coaches will stop in Hyde Park itself.

The chartered trains will take passengers to Paddington, King's Cross, Euston and Liverpool Street stations. Supporters from Ireland and America will arrive by air, with a French party on Eurostar.

About 130 people who set off last month to march to London from points in Scotland, Cumbria, Wales and Devon will be picked up at a service station near South Mimms on the M25 and be taken by bus to Hyde Park. The police refused to allow them to walk through London.

The rally, which runs from 11am to 2pm, will be held at a spot known as Reformer's Tree, on the avenue running south from Speaker's Corner, where early campaigners for public speech met in the 19th century.

Police have ordered that no placards or banners may be carried, but demonstrators will be allowed to wear T-shirts printed with slogans.

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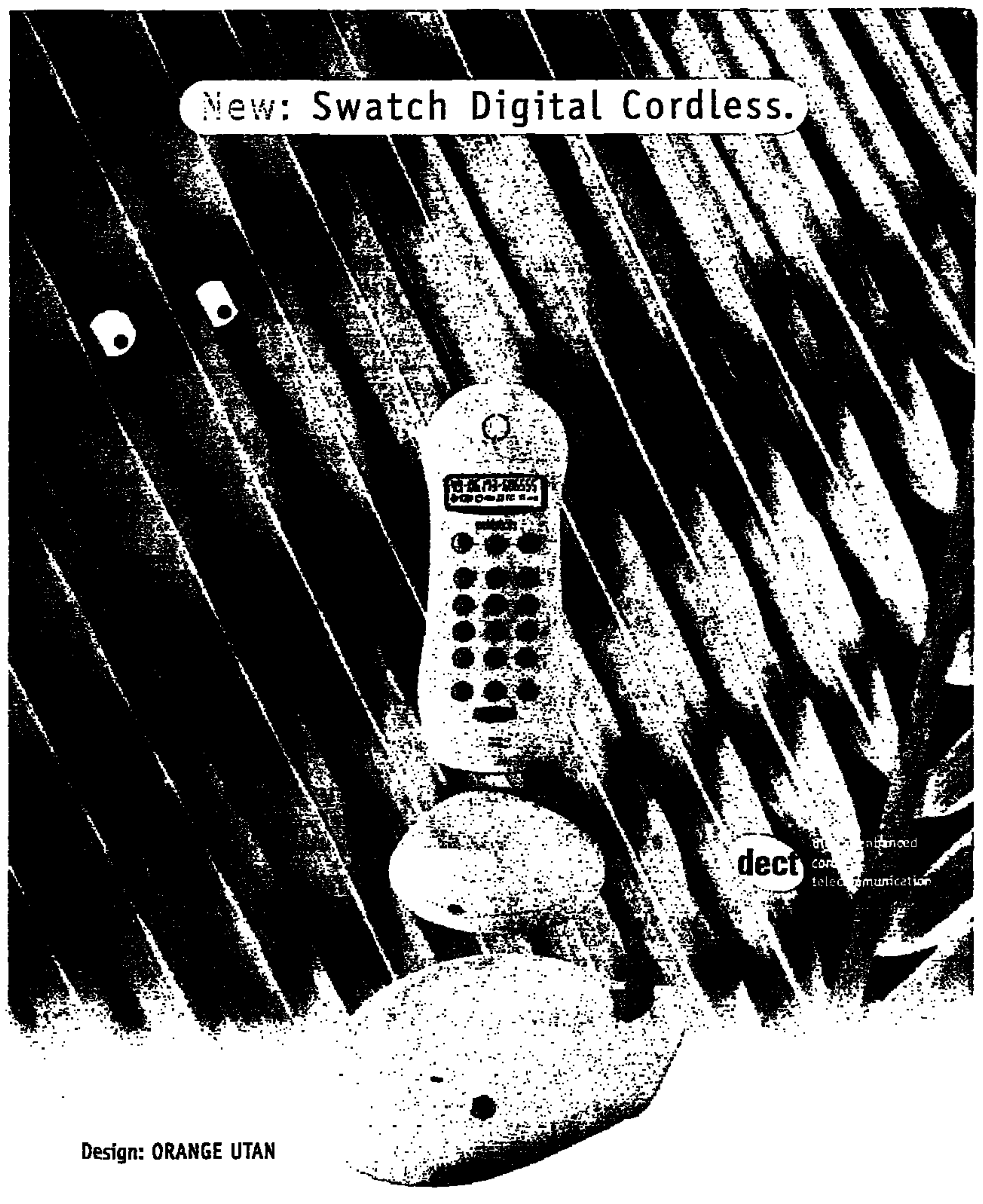

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Council must pay for autistic boy to attend special school in US

By Kathryn Knight

THE parents of a four-year-old autistic boy celebrated victory at the High Court yesterday when a judge ruled that their local education authority must pay for their son to attend a £50,000-a-year special school in America.

The decision secures James Finn's place at the Higashi School in Boston, Massachusetts. His parents had managed to pay for his education there for two terms through local fundraising, but Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council had refused to help when the couple's money ran out.

Yesterday Mr Justice Dyson ruled that the authority was *obliged* to continue paying the school fees as long as it considered the Higashi School the best place for the boy.

However, the judge also ruled that authorities had no obligation to name a specific school, meaning the chance of securing a place at Higashi is still unlikely for most parents.

Solihull council was appealing against a special educational *needs tribunal ruling* in February that named Boston Higashi as the appropriate school for James, from Shirley, Solihull, and said the local authority was under a duty to pay his fees.

At an earlier hearing Cherie Booth, QC, had told the judge that the boy's parents, Noel and Julie, had secured him a place in January after raising funds through raffles, discos and dances. But their money was running out and James would shortly have to leave. Solihull council had refused to take up the funding, arguing that as the parents were *already managing* to keep their son at the school it was not obliged to become involved.

However, the judge said that was simplistic of the council, which was breaching its duty of care as it had agreed the school was the most suitable place for James. "It is unreasonable for the authority to seek to relieve itself of its statutory duties by relying on parents to raise finance in this way," he said.

After the ruling the council gave an undertaking to pay James's fees of £56,000 a year "indefinitely".

However, the ruling brought disappointment to two other families who had hoped the judge would overturn a refusal by the same special educational needs tribunal to name the Higashi as the most appropriate school for their three autistic boys. Julie Richardson, from Solihull, the mother of Ben Simpson, 5, and Angela White, from Ealing, west London, who has twin sons, David and Simon, 7, both claimed the Higashi School offered the best chance of giving their children normal lives.

Yesterday Mr Justice Dyson said the councils were entitled to decide the Higashi was "inappropriate" for the boys and to make no specific decision as to which school the boys should attend. But he granted leave to appeal after agreeing the cases were of "general public importance".

In one case, he said the tribunal had been particularly concerned about aspects of the Higashi School after being told by an educational expert that it allowed "physical contact and shouting beyond anything which would be permitted in any UK school".

Rita Murray, secretary of the UK Boston Higashi School Parents' Association, said hopes that yesterday's case would provide clear guidance to help parents of autistic children had been dashed. While welcoming the success of the Finns, she said the judge had interpreted the provisions of the 1996 Education Act in a way which went against the wishes of parents and the best interests of their children.

Noel and Julie Finn at the High Court yesterday

James Finn will stay at the Higashi School in Boston after the ruling yesterday

Intensive therapy gives hope to children

HIGASHI schools expound a revolutionary philosophy in dealing with autistic children. The schools, whose title is derived from the Japanese word for hope, act on a principle called daily life therapy, which was pioneered in 1969 in Tokyo by Dr Kiyo Kitahara (Kathryn Knight writes).

The therapy is intensive and aims to encourage independence among those affected. It is based on the principle that self-awareness leaves the children less isolated and frightened.

***Teachers at the two schools,* in Boston and Tokyo, are uncompromising in their expectations of the pupils, who range in age from three to 22. They are also encouraged to run around and shout and scream to burn off excess energy. Both approaches are criticised by educationists.**

So far 50 British families have educated their children at the Boston academy, and many are now in mainstream schools back in Britain with some educational support. Some were unable to talk or do anything for themselves: now they can speak, operate a computer and feed and dress themselves.

***Parents of the 26,000 autistic* children in Britain are increasingly keen to send their offspring to the school. Last month David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, said that he would support the establishment of a Higashi school in Britain.**

Dementia drug 'too costly to prescribe'

By Ian Murray
Medical Correspondent

THE first drug to be licensed for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease is so expensive that many health authorities are not allowing doctors to prescribe it or are delaying making it available.

Six months after the Medicines Control Agency approved the drug, Aricept, only six health authorities have approved it, ten have advised doctors against the drug and the other 88 have yet to make a decision, a survey by the Alzheimer's Disease Society has found.

The drug has limited effectiveness but in the early stages of the disease can give a period of alleviation from the forgetfulness and dementia that typify the condition. "This gives sufferers an all-important window of opportunity when they and their families can prepare for the future," Simon Denegri, of the society, said.

However, the drug costs £1,200 a year for each patient, well above the average amount that most health authorities spend on treating patients with dementia. The health authorities that have refused to allow the drug to be prescribed have told the society that there is insufficient evidence to support its viability and cost-effectiveness.

The six health authorities allowing the drug to be prescribed are Merton, Gloucestershire, Southampton and South West Hampshire, Manchester, Northern Ireland Eastern and Isle of Man. Those who have refused to prescribe the drug are Worcester, Bradford, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Suffolk, Enfield, East Kent, Dyfed and Powys, North Wales and South Staffordshire.

Beware headache which strikes at sudden speed

Medical Briefing

EMMA PREECE, the 14-year-old whose personality and intelligence won her the chance to interview leading politicians for the BBC, died suddenly from a brain haemorrhage recently.

As well as the sadness such a death induces, it will also cause a shudder of apprehension in all those who fear that their headaches are a warning of an impending stroke. They can be reassured: most headaches are the result of tension, problems with the neck, or migraine. Serious causes of headache are comparatively rare.

Dr Clifford Rose, the medical director of the London Neurological Centre and the Princess Margaret Migraine Clinic, says: "There are more than 100 causes of headache; differentiating between them is not always easy and often requires specialised knowledge."

Patients either with a persistent headache, particularly if it occurs every day, or one that comes on with lightning suddenness when they are normally headache-free, should always see their doctor. This is especially important if the headache is associated with fainting, nausea, convulsions, any eye symptoms or neck stiffness.

The common cause of a cerebral *haemorrhage* in a younger person, such as killed Emma, is usually the rupture of an aneurysm, the condition in which a length of cerebral artery has a weak wall so that it balloons out — rather like a weak spot on the inner tube of a bicycle tyre. These weak patches are most liable to burst between the ages of 25 and 50. The aneurysm may have been present since childhood and there is often a family history of such problems.

In cases such as Emma's, the severe bleed which occurs in the rupture is accompanied by a headache of unimaginable intensity, often at the back of the head. It is the suddenness of onset which patients who recover always seem to remember.

The patient may feel sick, dizzy, suffer localised weakness or lose consciousness. Emma seems to have had all these symptoms. She had to lie down, developed a partial facial paralysis and then died peacefully.

Emma's history appears to have been similar to the classic ones described in every textbook, but not all cases have such clear-cut symptoms. Emma had had headaches over the past week and these had been attributed to tiredness, a common cause of tension headaches. In fact the early attacks were caused by leaking of blood before the aneurysm finally burst.

Although it is difficult to see an aneurysm on the standard scan, an angiography, in which the scan is focused *on the blood vessels, will usually* reveal them and they would certainly show up if they had been bleeding.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Wine lovers declare vintage after winning back lost cases

By Robin Young

WINE lovers who thought they had lost almost £2 million worth of top vintages yesterday won their claim to 5,000 remaining cases of wine after a six-year fight in the High Court.

When the long-established City company of Green's went bankrupt in April 1991 it was found that most of the highest-priced wines in storage for their customers had vanished.

Two directors of the company were subsequently jailed for theft but Green's customers, with their insurance invalidated, found that the company's liquidator was also denying their right to any of the wine left behind.

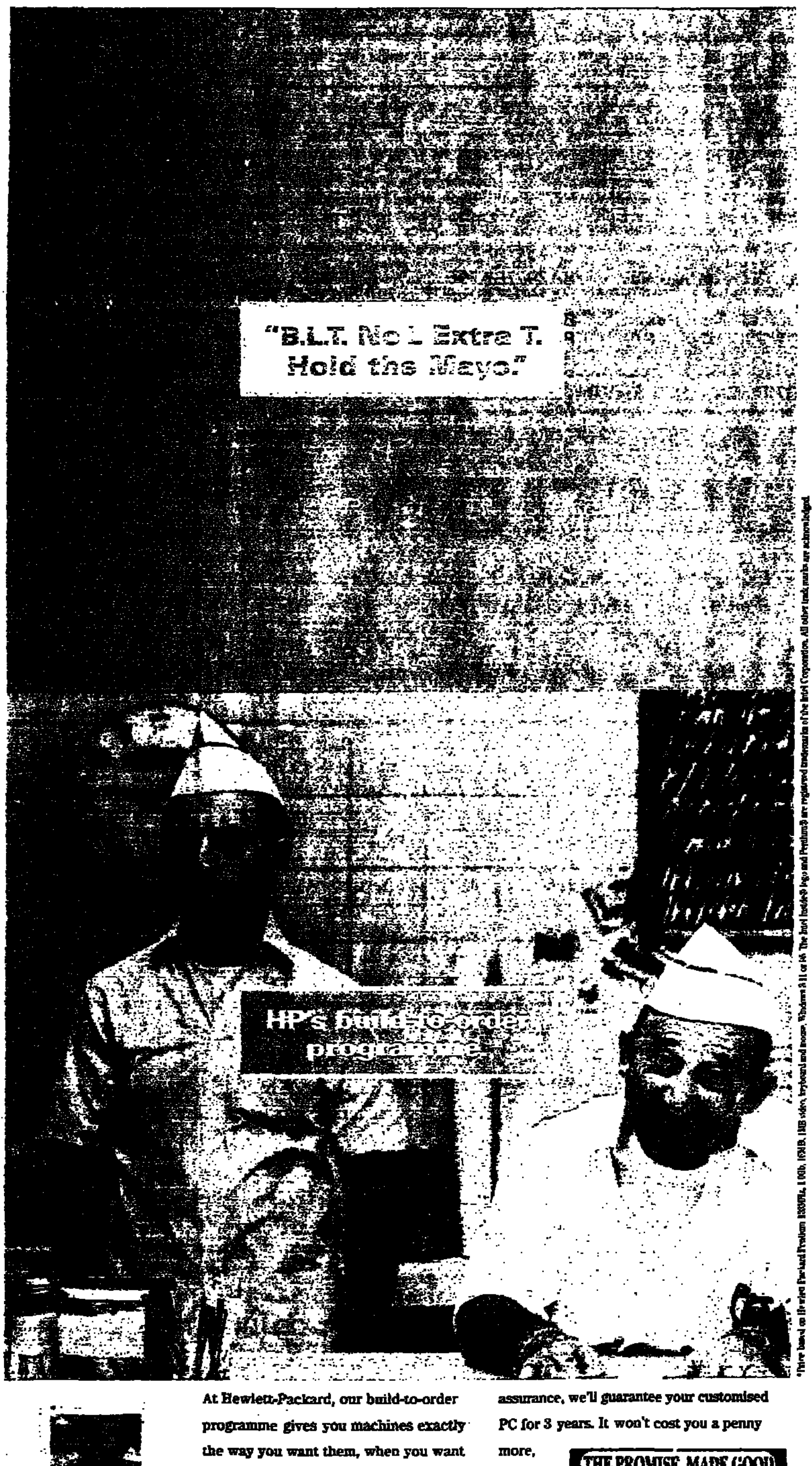
At a High Court hearing yesterday before Deputy Judge Roger Kay, QC, an action group formed by some 90 Green's customers among more than 500 who laid claim to wines the company had been storing, finally won its claim to almost 5,000 cases.

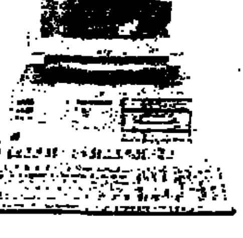
Under the terms of the settlement all Green's customers able to document their ownership of wines will have to pay £27 plus VAT per case for storage and £13.82 per case as legal costs.

The recent boom in prices for fine wine means that the remaining stock is probably worth more than the £1.25 million estimated at the last valuation a year ago, and some customers will recoup a substantial part of their losses. Jocelin Harris of the Durrington Corporation, who led the action group's fight, said: "People who thought they had lost everything now have the chance to recoup at least part of their losses."

Among the wines stolen were large numbers of top burgundies from the 1985 vintage and leading clarets of the highly successful 1982, 1983, 1985, and 1986 vintages, some of which, such as Château Cheval Blanc 1982 and Château Margaux 1983, are now worth £4,500 a case.

The wines the investors have now recovered are principally lesser growths. One investor said after the hearing: "I had £14,000 worth of wine in 114 cases with Green's and originally wrote it off as a total loss. Now I calculate that the 33 cases of wines that I will be able to reclaim may be worth £12,000."





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Nolan urges shake-up of town hall regulation

Alexandra Frean on a review of the tangle of rules on councillors' conduct

LORD NOLAN has proposed a restructuring of the way local councillors' powers and influence are regulated. He called yesterday for the abolition of the surcharge system under which councillors and officers guilty of wrongdoing can be ordered to repay millions of pounds in restitution to the councils they represent.

Lord Nolan said that, although the public appeared to mistrust local councillors more than almost any other public officials, his committee of inquiry into standards in local government had found no evidence of widespread wrongdoing. He paid tribute to the "vast majority of councillors who observe high standards of conduct", but emphasised the need for "a radical change in the ethical framework within which local government operates".

Publishing his third report on standards in public life, *Standards of Conduct in Local Government*, he said that the "confused and confusing" tangle of rules governing that the conduct of councillors could itself "easily lead to wrongdoing". The old rules, drawn up and added to over decades, should be replaced by a simple and clear code of conduct developed by each of the 450 local authorities in England, Scotland and Wales within a framework approved by Parliament.

Each council should have a standards committee, with powers to suspend for up to three months councillors who had misbehaved in the course of their duties. A new local government tribunal should act as independent arbiter on councils' codes of conduct and to hear appeals from councillors unhappy with decisions taken by their standards committees.

In a move that was welcomed by Dame Shirley Porter, the former leader of Westminster council who was ordered last year to pay back to her council £5 million for her part in the the "homes for votes" scandal, Lord Nolan criticised the surcharge system as "unsatisfactory".

Porter: system deeply flawed and unjust

Lord Nolan'sCommittee on Standards in Public Life concluded that the surcharge was both inflexible because it applied only to financial irregularity and that it was inconsistent because councillors and local government officers would face a bill of millions of pounds for activity that did not involve corruption. Few could afford to pay the fines anyway and no other public official faced such penalties.

The surcharge system was also wrong because it cast the District Auditor in the roles of "prosecutor, judge and jury".

Lord Nolan recommended that the surcharge be replaced by a new criminal offence of "misuse of public office", which would provide a statutory regime to deal with misconduct that does not entail bribery or corruption. In the interim, he recommended that the district auditor be allowed to refer cases of misconduct to the courts.

Dame Shirley, who is appealing against the surcharge imposed on her and five former colleagues, said: "The changes proposed vindicate our belief that Westminster councillors and officers were found to be at fault by a deeply flawed and unjust system."

The Nolan report called for new whistle-blowing procedures for for local authority officers and councillors. It also highlighted two of the most sensitive areas of potential abuse of power by local councillors and officers, the planning system and the award of contracts to the private sector.

Noting that about a quarter of complaints against councils involved planning decisions, the committee was particularly critical of the system known as "planning gain", in which council's grant planning permission to developers who agree to provide community facilities in return.

The system was criticised both by developers and their opponents. Developers complained that it allowed them to be held to ransom by councils, and anti-development campaigners said it led to inappropriate planning permissions being granted solely because of enticements.

The Local Government Association welcomed the committee's findings, but said that the creation of a local government tribunal could be regarded as the replacement of one set of external watchdogs — the Audit Commission and the ombudsmen — with another set. "Responsibility for disciplinary matters should rest with inividual local authorities," it said.

Lord Nolan, presenting his final report before returning to his duties as a law lord

Cabinet's home rule plans start row over abortion

By Jill Sherman

THE Prime Minister has provoked a row over abortion rights with his decision to rule out any prospect of a Scottish parliament having the power to tighten the relevant law.

Tony Blair recently intervened in a Cabinet committee dispute on Scottish devolution by making clear that Westminster would retain responsibility for abortion law. The sub-committee on devolution had been divided on the issue.

Yesterday John Smeaton, national director of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, said that Labour was "the most pro-abortion" Government that Britain had ever had. "Every member of the Cabinet has voted at least once for abortion up to birth, with Tony Blair having voted three times for this policy," he said. The Prime Minister was imposing a "veto" by preventing the Scots from deciding whether they wished to maintain a liberal abortion policy.

But Dr Norman Godman, Labour MP for Greenock and Inverclyde said that if regulations were tightened in Scotland women seeking abortions would simply cross the border. "We see that traffic, that very sad, depressing traffic of women coming across from both the north and south of Ireland and I would not want to subject Scotswomen to that kind of humiliation," Dr Godman told BBC Radio 4's *World at One*.

Abortion is not the only contentious issue on the Cabinet's devolution agenda. Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretray, fought off attempts by colleagues to reduce the number of Scottish MPs at Westminster or cut public spending in Scotland. After a series of meetings over several weeks Mr Dewar has won the battle to keep the 72 Scottish MPs at Westminster and the arrangements that give Scotland slightly higher spending per capita than in England.

Mr Dewar, who was backed by Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, and some of his Scottish colleagues was said to have been opposed by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, on both the number of MPs and public spending. Mr Straw has argued for some time that the Barnett funding formula for Scotland is too generous.

☐ The Liberal Democrats assumed the status of official opposition to the Government yesterday on Parliament's Scottish Grand Committee, which met for the first time since the general election. The Tories, having no MPs in Scotland, are not represented. The Liberal Democrats are the second biggest party on the committee with ten seats.

The real problem is that councillors are not in control

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Money is the key to all politics. Just as those who control budgets control policy, so the only truly responsible politicians as those who have to raise taxes. That is what has been wrong with local government in Britain for so long, and it is the central flaw in Labour's proposals for Scottish devolution.

That is apart from the bizarre idea, apparently blocked, to give the Scottish Parliament powers over abortion. Not only would this produce bitter divisions over abortion as the Parliament was being set up, but it would also undermine any new national Bill of Rights. Even in a federal state such as America, civil rights and abortion are decided on a national basis.

Yesterday's third report from the Nolan Committee is full of good sense about local government ethics. The committee is right to recommend a new statutory offence of misuse of public office (not involving bribery or corruption) to replace the District Auditor's powers to surcharge councillors. This is separate from the Home Office's current consultation about a new offence of corruption.

But necessary though these proposals are, they deal with symptoms, not causes. The real problem is that elected representatives are not properly responsible. At present, locally raised, and decided, council tax accounts for little more than 15 per cent of local authority budgets. The rest comes from central government grants and a centrally determined business rate. Moreover, Whitehall tightly controls how this money is spent, and this has only been partially relaxed since May 1. This limits the role of local councillors. Admittedly, there has been a marked change in the culture of local government since the early 1980s, but the low turnout in local council elections, lower than in other European countries, reflects the public's realistic appraisal of the lack of power of their local councils.

A Scottish parliament could be in exactly the same position. It would mainly be responsible for administering a block grant of expenditure determined in London, and related under the Barnett formula to equivalent English spending plans. The Edinburgh Parliament would have discretion within that total to reallocate between priorities on domestic programmes, such as health, education and the like. But its ability to vary the basic rate of income tax, by up to 3p in the pound, would amount to only about 3 per cent or so of the present Scottish Office budget. It is astonishing in many ways how much publicity Michael Forsyth was able to generate with his warnings about a "tartan tax" when the sums involved are so small, and smaller relatively than variations in the level of council tax. This plan is a recipe for constant clashes between Edinburgh and London over the formula for settling the grant.

If the Scottish parliament is to work, it should be given much greater powers to vary, and set, rates of tax — as any American state, or indeed city, has. Politicians in American cities, and states, are aware that if they set too high a rate of tax, they will not only deter business investment but they will be voted out of office. In Britain, the chain is broken by the limited control that councils have over tax-raising which encourages low turnout and less responsible local politicians. That is why safeguards such as capping are needed.

It is time to devolve financial responsibility, both to a Scottish parliament and to local councils. That needs to be reinforced by annual elections and probably also proportional representation — as in the proposed Scottish parliament — to prevent domination by one party. If the Blair Government believes what it says about pluralism, it needs to relax its controls over tax-raising and expenditure.

PETER RIDDELL

Unions side with Blair after party conference deal

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

THE Labour leadership has done a deal with the trade unions to secure their backing for Tony Blair's measures to modernise the party's structure and reduce the policy-making power of the annual conference.

The three largest unions, the Transport and General Workers' Union, the GMB and Unison, are said to have agreed to back the new proposals, which have been heavily opposed by constituency parties. In return the unions say that the Labour leadership has agreed that they will be able to put forward their own motions at the annual conference, even if these contradict party policy.

They have also been given assurances that they will not lose any of their 12 trade union places on the National Executive Committee.

Under the "Partnership in Power" proposals, which will be ratified by the NEC later this month, the leadership suggested that unions would not be able to submit their own motions at conference. But union sources yesterday said that a deal had been reached to allow minority motions to go forward. It could result in the biggest unions combining forces if they wished to defeat the Labour leadership on a particular issue.

The modernisation plans, which in effect reduce the annual conference to a rubber-stamping exercise, have prompted an unprecedented number of hostile conference motions from constituencies. They are particularly concerned about the loss of their right to table questions at the party conference and about changes to make the NEC less influential, which will give Tony Blair greater control.

Some 111 motions have been tabled on the "Partnership in Power" plans, and nearly 90 per cent are critical. Several constituencies have complained that the changes will reduce democracy in the party and give them much less say in policymaking. Although the Labour leadership is confident of NEC backing for the plans there is still concern that a handful of small unions could side with the constituencies and defeat Mr Blair.

Constituency delegates have unusually been called to a series of meetings in August, ostensibly to prepare them for the conference. But they may be subjected to a charm offensive to persuade them to back the Prime Minister.

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: from 9.30am, backbench debates including on freedom of information and access to government papers. From 2.30pm, Northern Ireland questions; Prime Minister's Questions; debate on pensions; backbench debate on case of James Miles and Paul Loseby in Venezuela. In the Lords: debates on Jubilee 2000 seeking to remit backlog of unpayable debt of poorest countries; co-ordinating relations between political advisers, the Civil Service and Cabinet committees; Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill, second reading.

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Assistant jailed for assaults on patients

A CARE assistant who bullied elderly people at the nursing home at which he worked was jailed for three years yesterday.

Karl Wright assaulted his victims, aged between 63 and 99, over a four-month period at the home in Redditch, Worcestershire. Some were suffering from senile dementia and paranoid psychosis. Two were blind.

Wright laughed off his behaviour, telling other members of staff that they had no sense of humour, Worcester Crown Court was told. Wright, 25, of Redditch, admitted eight charges of common assault and five of indecent assault.

The prosecution said that many of the attacks happened when the victims were naked after having a bath or being dried. All the evidence came from staff because the victims were unable to make statements. Wright, who is married with two children, was arrested in July last year. He told police that the staff had invented the allegations against him.

Homes for the elderly face a health check

OFT inspectors will look at value for money offered by care firms to 'silent consumers'. **Alexandra Frean** reports

FEARS that thousands of elderly people living in residential and nursing homes may be getting poor value for money have prompted an inquiry by the Office of Fair Trading. It will also look at charges that inmates are being deprived of the right to manage their own finances.

John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, said the care home industry was worth at least £5 billion a year and catered for more than half a million residents in up to 20,000 homes. He estimated that at least 25,000 new places would be required in homes within five years. Despite its financial and social importance, the sector had never been the subject of a review from the consumer's side.

Mr Bridgeman said he hoped that his inquiry, into public and private sector facilities, would provide a voice for the "silent consumers" who occupied care homes but who tended not to complain about conditions because they were afraid of upsetting the people they depended on.

"Elderly people are among the most vulnerable consumers and in care homes they may be reliant upon others for all their needs. Many may not know what they can expect in terms of value for money or services, and who they could complain to when something goes wrong."

Mr Bridgeman said he wanted to ensure that elderly people were given sufficient information to enable them to choose the best home for them and that they were made aware at the outset exactly what services were included in the fees they were paying. "Do they have to pay for their newspapers themselves, and what arrangements are made for hairdressing?"

The inquiry will also focus on the adequacy of financial protection for residents in homes. This includes the degree of control they are allowed over their own money. According to a recent report from the charity Age Concern, elderly people in care homes require an allowance averaging £38.78 a week to meet their personal needs, compared to the £14.10 they are allowed under government regulations.

A spokeswoman for Age Concern welcomed this aspect of the inquiry, saying that the charity wanted residents to have as much control over their personal cash as possible. She added that staff should not be appointed to collect residents' pensions and deal with other financial affairs for them.

Mr Bridgeman said that the OFT would also examine whether residents were required to surrender their benefit books when they entered a home, and whether their money was kept in a separate account from the home's own money so that if the institution closed down, it was not lost.

Dr Chai Patel, chief executive of the Care First group, one of Britain's leading providers of care services, welcomed the inquiry. "I am confident it will be impressed by the improved standards within the sector, but it is bound to highlight areas which require improvement."

Despite concerns that so-called "granny farming" has become increasingly popular in the last few years, the sector is feeling a squeeze on profits because of a decline in occupancy and a tightening of the rates paid by local authorities.

According to a recent report by the independent consultants Laing and Buisson, Britain's 20,000 independent sector nursing and residential homes have seen their profits fall to close to zero in the last year after two years of growth in 1994 and 1995. Returns from a typical 50-bed nursing home are now running at 50p per day per available bed.

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MICHAEL POWELL

Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, the opera singer, after receiving an honorary doctorate from the Duke of Edinburgh yesterday at Cambridge University

Birt seeks cuts to fund BBC's digital future

By Damian Whitworth

THE BBC is to cut more than 20 per cent off its budgets over the next five years to finance the digital revolution.

John Birt, the Director-General, admitted that there would be job losses as savings were made through improved technology and "multi-skilling".

The publication of the BBC's annual report yesterday revealed that 9 per cent of the BBC's income would be spent on introducing digital services. Some money will come from raising the licence fee and the sale of domestic transmitters, "but the biggest contribution will come from a further change in the BBC's efficiency, of more than 20 per cent over the next five years," Mr Birt said.

Pressed on the question of job losses, he said: "It is not possible to be very precise about how that will play out ... but I do expect the workforce of the BBC to be smaller in a few years."

But he stressed that with the new digital channels there would be more people making programmes. The job losses are likely to come from areas such as administration and engineering, as new technology allows programme makers to do more technical tasks themselves.

The BBC is poised to launch a range of digital services including 24-hour news, BBC1 and BBC2 in widescreen format and an education channel. Viewers will need a decoder which is not yet available in the shops.

In the past three years the BBC has already cut 4,000 jobs from a workforce of 22,000 in its drive for efficiency. Mr Birt said that the corporation's finances were now robust with a cash surplus of £121 million.

On programming, Mr Birt spoke in the annual report about failures in the BBC's drama output. He singled out the two costume dramas, *Rhodes* and *Nostromo*, which proved to be expensive flops.

He praised successes such as *The Mill on the Floss*, *The Crow Road* and the cult series *This Life*. "However, not all our drama has been as compelling. There is always a high degree of risk incurred in attempting to dramatise the life of a historical figure like Rhodes, or in adapting a highly complex novel such as *Nostromo*. Both proved to be a disappointment."

☐ The Heritage Secretary yesterday refused to condemn Mr Birt's 20 per cent pay rise. Chris Smith said that it was a matter for the BBC governors, and that broadcasters operated in a highly competitive market.

Birt: forecast more staff cuts in quest for savings

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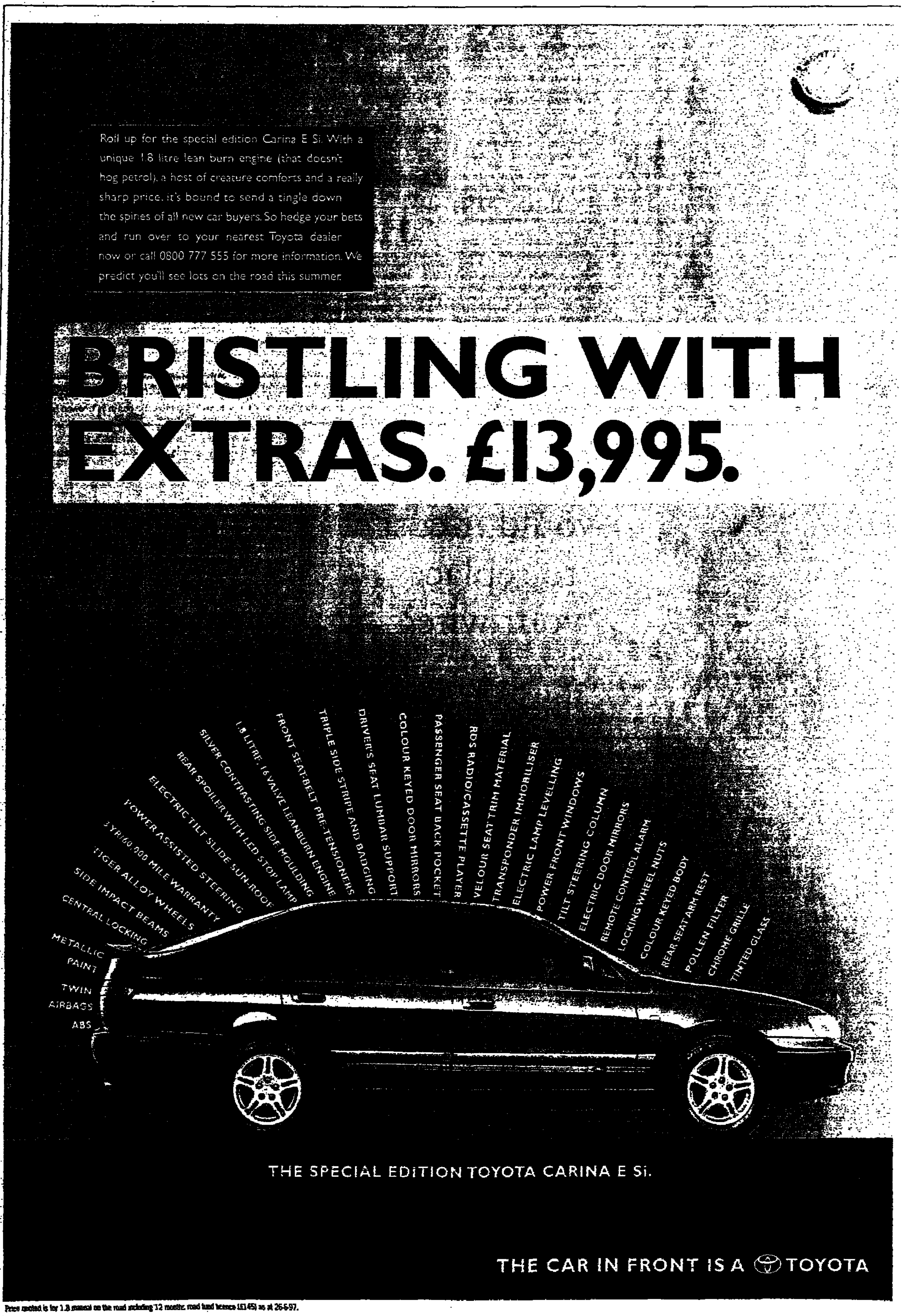
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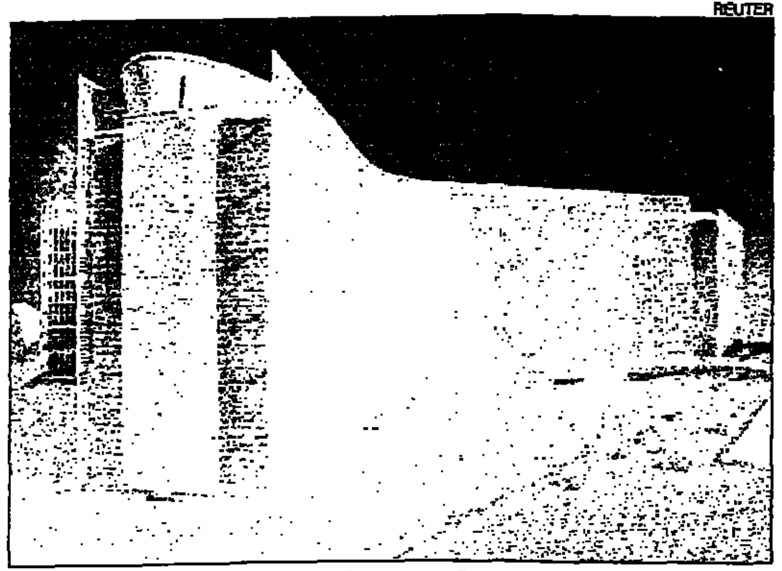
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An artist's model of the Berlaymont after a £251 million facelift

Brussels 'white elephant' gets millennium look

From Charles Bremner
in Brussels

THE European Commission unwrapped its own monument for the millennium in Brussels yesterday: a revamped version of the Berlaymont building, the nerve centre of Euro-power abandoned in 1991 in an asbestos scare.

In a deal with the Belgian Government, the Commission will return to its sprawling seat in the summer of 2000 after a purge and architectural remake costing the EU £251 million.

After lying derelict for four years, the Berlaymont, a curious winged edifice in the shape of a bent star which housed 3,000 Eurocrats, was in 1995 sheathed from roof to pavement in gleaming white plastic while workers stripped out 3,000 tonnes of asbestos. The Commission has, meanwhile, been working from various premises, with its seat in a nondescript office block well beneath the dignity of the European executive.

The striking effect of the sheathed Berlaymont, in the heart of Brussels' EU quarter, has prompted many a visitor to suppose they had stumbled on the latest *oeuvre* by Christo, the artist who wrapped the Reichstag and other monuments. The Christo effect is set to endure, because the Belgian state owners liked the wrapped look so much that they are replacing the grey glass exterior with a new design for 2000 featuring an all-white façade. Perched on the building will be Space Age premises for the 20 commissioners that resemble an ocean liner.

The deal, under which the Commission become the sole owner in 27 years, was projected yesterday as a happy ending to a saga that had offered easy metaphors for bungling at the heart of Europe. André Flahaut, the Belgian minister in charge of the project, said the accord would lift many doubts and apprehensions. "We have to admit that the presence of a building both contaminated with asbestos and unoccupied served neither Europe's nor Belgium's image."

When the 25-year-old Berlaymont was abandoned amid lawsuits from its inhabitants, some experts had suggested blowing it up. Under wraps, the project has suffered a string of mishaps that have reinforced the image of the white elephant.

Police have rounded up undocumented foreign workers from the site, asbestos extraction was stopped by strikes and someone set the place on fire last year.

Erkki Liikanen, the Commissioner responsible for administration, yesterday promised a building that would be a new landmark and symbol of the European aspiration. In keeping with his drive for cost-cutting and modesty, the Finnish commissioner also promised it would be "sober and functional".

This, if borne out, will offer a contrast to the lavish newly completed Brussels home of the European Parliament, a billion-pound pile down the street. Its justification has become even more tenuous since EU leaders confirmed Strasbourg as the parliament's main seat at last month's summit.

Kohl's woes on euro deepened by jobless rise

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

HELMUT KOHL's hopes of a summer improvement in the labour market were dashed yesterday by stubbornly high unemployment figures.

The seasonally adjusted figure of more than 4.3 million jobless means that the presssure will continue to mount on Government spending and the public-sector deficit goals for the euro will be pushed further out to sea.

"Economic improvements are progressing, but there is still no turnaround on the jobs market," conceded Bernhard Jagoda, the president of the Federal Labour Office.

In the west of Germany, the number of people out of work fell by 1,000 — after taking into account seasonal factors — but rose in the east by 12,000. Yet the Government, which first predicted unemployment of below four million for 1997, then 4.1 million, had hoped for a dramatic improvement in the summer months. Now, those arguing for more emphasis on jobs rather than keeping to the tight fiscal corsets of Maastricht, will be able to make hay.

There is a broad informal coalition pressing for the postponement of economic and monetary union. In its vanguard is Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian Prime Minister, who called again this week for a "controlled delay" in the euro if Germany fails to meet the strictly interpreted Maastricht public deficit target of 3 per cent of gross domestic product.

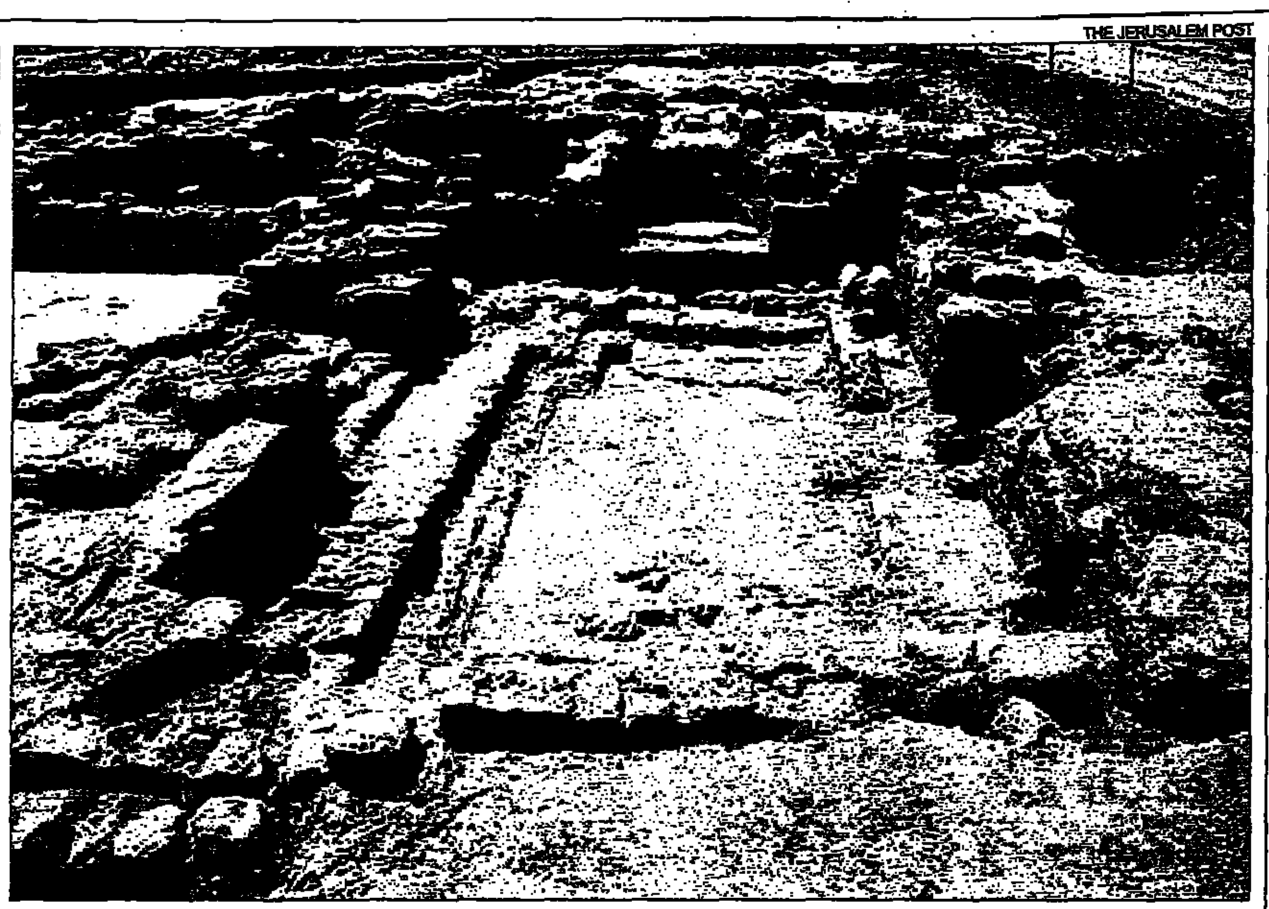
Gerhard Schröder, the Social Democratic Prime Minister of Lower Saxony, made a similar plea in an interview with *The Times* last week. Although at opposite ends of the political spectrum, both men argue that the euro could begin in 2001, when European cash and banknotes are supposed to come into circulation. That would give France and Germany time to bring down their public spending further and create the necessary popular trust. There are several central bankers and influential economists supporting this line.

First discussions have begun about how to frame a Constitutional Court challenge if Germany fails to meet precisely the 3 per cent goal. The court is committed to ensuring that there is no fudge of the entry criteria by the German Government.

The drum beating of the delay lobby in Germany suggests that they sense their position cannot be held for very much longer. The closer Herr Kohl, the German Chancellor, storms towards the decision date — spring 1998 — the more precarious becomes the platform of the EMU postponers. If a careful strategy is not worked out soon, delay could be tantamount to destroying the euro. Herr Stoiber and Herr Schröder say this is not their aim.

The betting is that the euro will dominate political debate in Germany during the summer and that there will be a big, perhaps final, push for postponement in the autumn. The Chancellor's advisers have been bracing themselves for this onslaught.

Significantly, all the key Cabinet ministers have decided this year to take their holidays inside Germany, but within easy reach of Bonn. Their position would have been fortified if there were stronger signs of economic recovery — or of unemployment responding more quickly to the improved growth. But as economists explained yesterday, the Germany recovery is being led by big exporting companies — which are continuing to lay off workers.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The ruins of the indoor pool at Herodian. It was once covered by a stone vault that has since collapsed

Herod's swimming pool found

From Christopher Walker
in Jerusalem

ISRAELI archaeologists have discovered the oldest indoor swimming pool in the Holy Land, dating back to 10 BC and situated at what was Herod the Great's once spectacular summer palace at Herodion, now in the occupied West Bank.

Ehud Netzer, a Hebrew University archaeology professor, the man in charge of the dig, said: "This is an important discovery because it shows the popularity of swimming as a form of recreation. Previous outdoor pools had been found dating from the same or earlier periods, but this is the first indoor pool big enough for swimming from the time of the Second Temple [destroyed by the Romans in AD 70] to be found in all of Israel."

According to Professor Netzer, there is evidence to show that during Herod's reign swimming became a serious form of recreation. He believes the Herodion pool was used for that purpose, rather than baths, which would have been taken at 15 smaller bathhouses, containing tubs or small stepped pools.

"We know that the outdoor pools were used for swimming — the one that we found in Jericho was a colossal 90 yards long, and another at Masada 18 yards by 13 yards," he said. "It seems at Herodion the evening breezes were chilly enough for the swimmers to want cover. At the time, swimming was segregated, but we cannot be sure if the women were allowed to use the pool at different times."

Josephus: macabre tale of the killing pool

The experts, assisted by Bedouins in the area about five miles east of Bethlehem and not far from the controversial new Jewish settlement site at Har Homa, uncovered the indoor pool when completing exploration of the large bathhouse of Herod, which was halted in 1987 because of the Palestinian *intifada*.

Professor Netzer said he believed the first written reference to the popularity of swimming in the Holy Land was provided by the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus (AD 37-100). Describing one hot evening at the Hasmonean Palace in Jericho in 35BC when Herod encouraged a rival, the 17-year-old high priest Aristobulus III, to go swimming, he writes that "Herod's aquaintances, as he had appointed, dipped him [Aristobulus], as he was swimming . . . as if it was done only in sport, nor did they desist until he suffocated."

Russian police die in bombing of lorry

From Robin Lodge
in Moscow

AT LEAST seven Russian policemen were killed and a dozen injured in the volatile North Caucasus region of southern Russia yesterday when their lorry was blown up, close to the border with the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

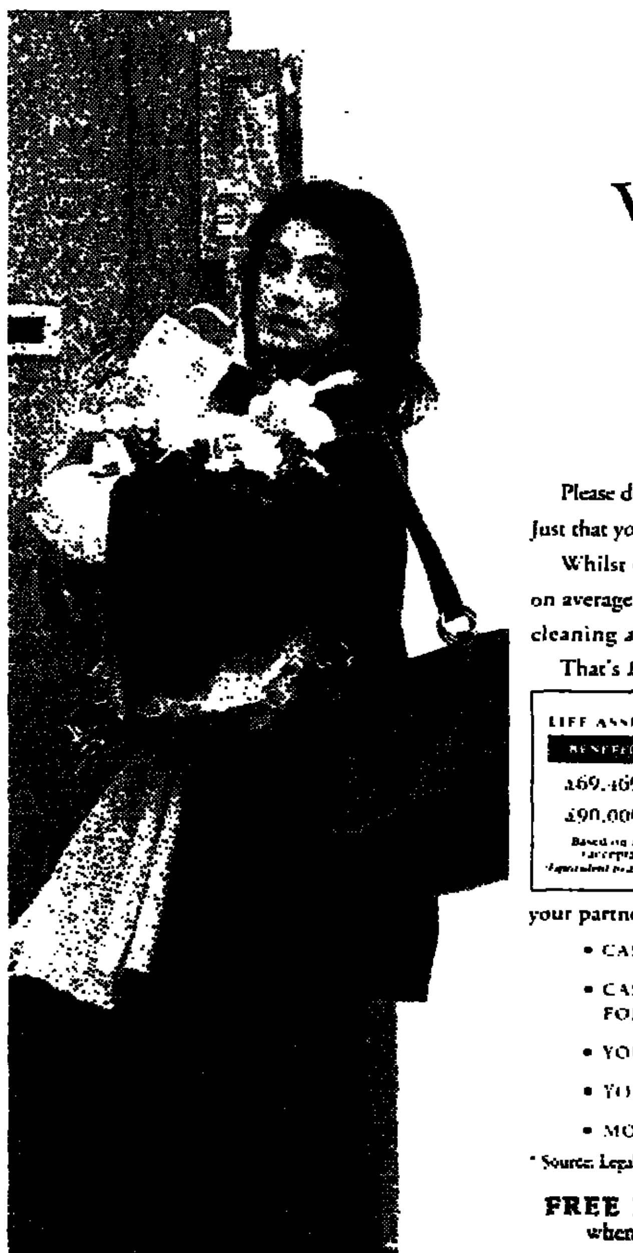
The explosion, near the town of Khasavyurt in the autonomous republic of Dagestan, was caused by a radio-controlled bomb hidden in a tree by the road, a Dagestan Interior Ministry spokesman said. The death toll may rise, he added.

There have been a number of violent incidents in the border region since Russia withdrew the last of its troops from Chechnya in January. Dagestan blames Chechen infiltrators.

In a separate incident on the Chechen border, gunmen seized six people travelling in a minibus as they travelled from the North Caucasus region of North Ossetia to neighbouring Ingushetia. Tass said that five of the victims were Chechens.

Kidnappings have become commonplace in and around Chechnya, with the abductors demanding ransoms for the release of their victims. Last Wednesday two British aid workers were seized by gunmen from a house in the Chechen capital, Grozny. There has been no word since on their whereabouts or any demands by their kidnappers.

The French aid organisation Médecins Sans Frontières announced yesterday that one of its workers, Christophe André, had been abducted last week from its regional headquarters in the Ingush capital, Nazran.



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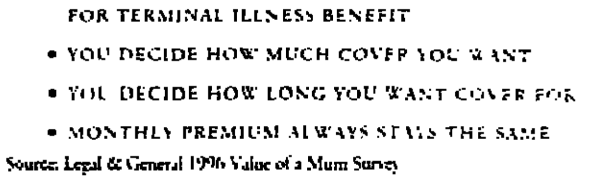

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Mir crew unload supplies for repairs

By Robin Lodge

THE crew of the Russian space station Mir yesterday began unloading supplies from the cargo craft that docked on Monday, bringing crucial parts and equipment for repairs, as well as a few creature comforts.

For Michael Foale, the British-born American astronaut, the unloading will have provided him with a welcome opportunity to brush his teeth, shave and change his clothes since a collision on June 25 separated him from his belongings. Dr Foale had made a special request for a toothbrush, toothpaste, razor and medical kit to be sent with the supply consignment.

The collision, during a practice docking manoeuvre with an unmanned cargo craft, smashed a hole in the Spektr research module of the space station, which Dr Foale had been using as his living quarters. The crew sealed off the module to maintain pressure in the rest of the complex, but have since been operating on little more than half normal power.

Repair work is due to begin next week, when Dr Foale's Russian colleagues, Commander Vasili Tsibliyev and Flight Engineer Aleksandr Lazutkin, will attempt to reattach severed cables from Spektr's solar panels to the station's main power supply.

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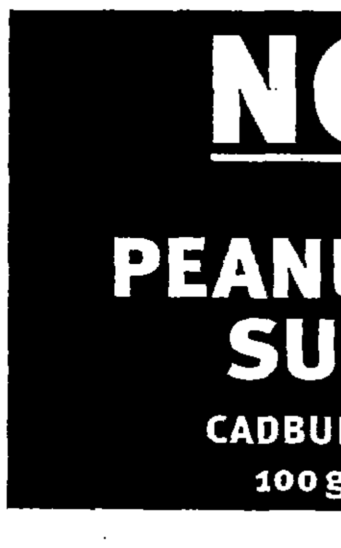

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In Madrid, from left: President Clinton, David Oddsson, President of Iceland, Tony Blair, President Chirac, Helmut Kohl and Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister

Chirac bows to Anglo-US deal

NATO SUMMIT

Midnight beers helped to seal the future of Nato, reports Michael Evans in Madrid

LATE-night drinks enjoyed by President Clinton and Tony Blair in a central Madrid hotel room helped to forge an impregnable partnership yesterday that persuaded other Nato leaders — even President Chirac — to reach an agreement over alliance expansion.

After both men had made it clear that they would refuse to support the membership claims of Romania and Slovenia for the first wave of Nato's expansion programme, the French President reluctantly went along with the American and British demand that accession invitations should be restricted to Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. Invitations were duly handed to the chosen three to begin negotiations.

The climbdown by France and up to eight other Nato members saved a damaging split over what was intended to be one of the most historic developments for more than 40 years. M Chirac, who had caused anger by dragging the "three or five" issue right up to the last moment, agreed to drop his campaign. In return, he won agreement for the communiqué to single out the two failed applicants for special "praise", giving them real "hope" — though without a written guarantee — of joining in the second wave.

It was the alliance of Mr Clinton and Mr Blair, however, that had most people talking. Although the two had previously underlined their view that three new members was more than enough for the alliance to absorb in the first wave, their personal get-together in Mr Clinton's suite at the glitzy Miguel Angel hotel forged a new determination to outplay the French President.

Mr Clinton had invited the Prime Minister to join him after they had both attended a Nato dinner on Monday evening. Over glasses of San Miguel beer, and "cheesy things", they hammered out a strategy for resolving the dispute with those backing a bigger expansion.

Although Cherie Blair had not accompanied the Prime Minister to Madrid — "she didn't want to," a British official said — Hillary Clinton popped in for a social "chat" while her husband and Mr Blair plotted the next day's events. Officials arrived to complete details near the end of the 90-minute get-together.

The impact of the post-dinner drinks became apparent when the Nato summit opened formally yesterday morning. Mr Blair said Nato had to make a "hardnosed" decision. If five countries joined at the same time, it would mean increasing Nato's population by 20 per cent and its borders by another 50 per cent.

He admitted to the other Nato leaders that those pushing for only three new members in the first wave — to be completed by 1999 — were in a minority. But, he said, there was a firm understanding between America and Britain that expansion must be kept to three countries.

Other Nato members supporting five included Spain and Italy. Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, appeared to have a foot in both camps, reluctant to drop his enthusiasm for Romania but recognising there would be consensus for only three.

The deal with France emerged when the communiqué was produced. It made special mention of progress achieved by Romania and Slovenia and referred to the importance of the "Baltic region", to ensure that Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia were given encouragement to think membership of the alliance was a potential prize.

Although M Chirac accepted the summit deal, he confirmed that France was not yet ready to rejoin the integrated military structure because, he said, Nato had not done enough to reform itself. He called for an alliance that was "lighter, cheaper, more flexible and more effective".

He also called for a new balance between Europe and America over the leadership of the alliance. Mr Clinton said he was prepared to let Europe have a bigger say in Nato.

Mr Blair said: "This is a realistic and sensible agreement. Of course, some other countries would like to have gone further. But this is not a political club, this is a military alliance."

☐ **Moscow:** Yevgeni Primakov, the Russia Foreign Minister, yesterday reiterated his country's view on Nato's expansion into what was Communist Eastern Europe, denouncing it as the worst mistake to be made on the continent since the Second World War. *(Reuter)*

Cook threatens veto in Rock row with Spain

By Michael Binyon and Giles Tremlett

BRITAIN yesterday threatened to veto Spain's entry into Nato's integrated command structure if Madrid does not lift military restrictions on movements in and out of Gibraltar.

Asked if the Government would block Spain's entry, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, replied: "Yes, we can and, yes, we will, unless there is an agreement." He said that, if Spain were to take part in the integrated command structure, it must behave as an ally. Britain wanted its military aircraft to use Spanish airspace to go in and out of the Rock. He said that for the past two months Spain had refused to discuss proposals that Britain had made.

Yesterday Spain remained defiant. Abel Matutes, the Foreign Minister, said his country would not lift any restrictions that might affect its rightful claim to sovereignty. His statement made clear that he was referring to the movement of aircraft, as Gibraltar's airport is on the isthmus which Spain claims as its territory.

To warm applause, José Maria Aznar, the Spanish Prime Minister, told the Nato summit that Spain would join Nato's military structure as soon as the new command arrangements had been worked out. An impasse over Gibraltar will ensure a British veto, however. Spain has already announced that it will lift longstanding restrictions on warships docking in Spanish ports en route to or from Gibraltar, and Eduardo Serra, the Defence Minister, told a parliamentary committee last month that Spain was ready to offer other concessions.

Britain is also calling for an end to restrictions on civilian aircraft, which cannot fly over Spain if they leave from Gibraltar.

In a BBC interview, Mr Cook insisted that Britain would never agree to a Spanish sub-regional command having any direct command over Gibraltar. "That is not on the cards." If a new regional command was set up in Madrid, Gibraltar would cease to be part of the Nato Atlantic command reporting to a sub-regional command in Portugal, and troops there would report directly to Britain.

Spain is also locked in a quarrel with Portugal over Nato jurisdiction of the seas around the Canary Islands. At present these fall under the Atlantic command, but Madrid says that, since the islands are Spanish territory, it should have special sea lane access to them over which it has command. The rest of Nato has dismissed this as ridiculous.

Bosnian Serbs told to halt police abuses

By Michael Binyon

NATO yesterday gave the Bosnian Serbs a final warning that it would not tolerate a return to violence, violations of human rights or undermining of the Dayton accords.

In a tough statement, alliance leaders said they were "deeply concerned" by the political crisis in Republika Srpska, where they saw "an increasingly anti-democratic climate and abuses of police authority".

They said Bosnian Serbs risked even greater isolation and a cut-off in all financial and economic assistance if they did not comply with the Dayton accords.

The statement did not spell out the threat, freely voiced here, of a commando operation to seize Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, the leading figures wanted for war crimes. As one official said: "If we were going to do that, we would hardly announce it to thousands of journalists."

Joy and sulks in 'city of peace'

Michael Binyon in Madrid examines the unwieldy army of bureaucrats and envoys from more than 40 countries

IS THIS the future of Nato? Presidents, Prime Ministers and envoys from more than 40 countries from Iceland to Kyrgyzstan? Military strategies lost in a sea of regional squabbles and local sensitivities? An army of bureaucrats and a building the size of an aircraft hanger to house journalists from Europe and North America, not to mention the Japanese?

There have been few such unwieldy summits. The chosen 16 have assembled according to hallowed tradition: sweeping up in limousines, bouncing jauntily over to their Spanish host, José Maria Aznar, posing for the cameras and sitting at the vast table with the centre space filled by a floral Nato logo.

For them, it was business as usual: an extra large chair brought in for the 19-stone Helmut Kohl, a lunch made less digestible by the horrors of Bosnia, haggling about money and a lecture from an American Senate delegation calling itself Snog (Senate Nato Observer Group) on the need for Europe to do more to take care of itself. There was also some high-minded talk about safeguarding liberty, enshrining democracy, stopping nuclear proliferation and making Madrid, as the summit posters boast, a "city of peace".

Almost twice as many leaders, however, arrived by the back door. They are waiting for their turn today when the grand first working session of the new Europe-Atlantic Partnership Council groups together Nato, its supplicants, applicants and sceptics and even those countries such as Switzerland which have emerged from their Alpine isolation and are experiencing for the first time the joys of political summitry.

The beaming leaders of the three winning delegations are the belles of the ball. Gyula Horn of Hungary, Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic and Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland are being initiated into the mysteries of membership and everyone wants to be seen in their company. For the losers, a huge effort is being made to cheer them up and promise that the door will open next time. The Romanians are the unhappiest, having come so far so fast and failing at the final moment.

Not all the 44 delegations here are so enamoured of Nato. The Russians are just on the polite side of a diplomatic sulk, and President Yeltsin has sent only his Nato ambassador and a little-known Deputy Prime Minister. The Belarussians, even more hostile, sent only a presidential representative, and the Turkmens dispatched the Ambassador to Paris.

CARTOONISTS & WRITERS SYNDICATE

Behrendt's view of Nato's efforts to cheer up Eastern European countries in Amsterdam's *De Telgraf*

Some delegations have other things on their minds. Bashkim Fino, apparently still Prime Minister of Albania, was wondering whether Nato membership would be determined more by Kalashnikovs at home rather than emollient talk to allies now patrolling his country; the Turks are in the throes of forming a new, post-Islamic government, and while Mesut Yilmaz puts together a Cabinet in Ankara President Demirel decided he would come to Madrid instead to demonstrate Turkish solidarity and continuity.

Local quarrels have at least been kept at bay. The Azerbaijanis will today sit down with the Armenians, the Greeks with the Macedonians and even the British with the French. Tony Blair's men let it be known that he was scornful of any proposals for the admission of more than three applicants "coming from a country that is not itself a member of the military structure". And the French have been putting the word about that it is Britain's fixation over Gibraltar that has held up Spain's own entry into the integrated military command.

The British Natural Law Party says the whole Nato expansion is a waste of time. It claims that the only effective deterrence is transcendental meditation, and is promising today to demonstrate a form of aviation unavailable even to Nato air force planners: yogic flying.

Britain to escape economic fallout

By Michael Evans

THE long wait for the three countries chosen to be new members of Nato is finally over. But now the financial reckoning begins.

From the start of the process, the frontrunners — Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic — were told that they would have to shoulder a large proportion of membership costs. In effect, that has meant scrapping ancient Soviet-built aircraft and armoured personnel carriers and buying or leasing Western (principally American) weapons to ensure interoperability with their new security partners.

They have also had to transform their armies from being Soviet-dependent Warsaw Pact forces into troops capable of fighting alongside the sophisticated Western armies. The Hungarians still have a long way to go, whereas the Polish Army has made great strides, according to Nato officials.

However, at a time when the East European nations have been struggling to develop market economies and improve social conditions since the collapse of communism, their parliaments have had to face the prospect of investing huge sums in modern military equipment.

Nato has agreed to help with basic improvements to military infrastructure, including hardening runways, replacing radar systems and developing reinforcement facilities. But every attempt is being made to limit the costs to existing Nato members. British officials are even claiming that there will be no extra cost for the Ministry of Defence. The British share of the infrastructure costs arising from the expansion programme will be met, they say, by "re-prioritising" existing funding.

Britain currently pays £135 million a year towards Nato's common funding budget and £21 million towards the civilian budget, which includes the alliance's headquarters in Brussels.

Despite American insistence that existing Nato members will have to beef up their forces to be ready to mount rapidly deployable units to the new member states in a crisis, British officials at the Madrid summit insisted the expansion programme would not be a net cost for British taxpayers.

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Nairobi march planned to ruin Moi's big day

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

NAIROBI appeared to be heading for another bout of violence yesterday after opposition groups vowed to march on President Moi's official residence in an attempt to disrupt a regional summit.

The move came a day after ten people were killed and scores seriously injured when demonstrations were broken up by club-wielding police who arrested more than a dozen MPs on Monday. The Rev Timothy Njoya was yesterday in a critical condition after he was hit over the head several times by policemen who earlier teargassed worshippers in Nairobi's All Saints Cathedral.

Sources close to the Presbyterian Moderator said they feared he could die from his injuries. Several MPs were also still recovering in hospital after Monday's demonstrations, the most violent in seven years.

The National Convention Assembly, part of a coalition of opposition groups calling for curbs on presidential powers before elections later this year, said that thousands of people were expected to march on State House, Mr Moi's residence, where he is hosting two days of talks with the heads of neighbouring governments on Sudan's civil war. The march is expected to be blocked. Mr Moi dislikes any form of criticism at home and has long enjoyed a role as a regional diplomatic fixer in the many local civil wars.

In choosing today for more demonstrations, the protesters intend to humiliate the President in front of his fellow statesmen, including Eritrea's President Afewerki, President Bashir of Sudan and Meles Zenawi, Ethiopia's Prime Minister.

The demonstrations, billed as a national day of mourning for those killed on Monday, will be particularly galling for Mr Moi, 73, who is seen as a relic of a dying age of dictatorial-style African potentates by the younger leaders of Ethiopia, Eritrea and Uganda. The triumvirate were active supporters of Laurent Kabila's successful uprising against Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire earlier this year.

The timing is doubly bad for Mr Moi because the International Monetary Fund last week froze more than £21 million in aid when the Kenyan courts dismissed the case against a group of businessmen who had been accused of defrauding the country of £300 million. The "Goldenberg scandal", was one of the "most blatant thefts from the treasury of any African country and ranks as a Mobutu-style heist," one Western diplomat said yesterday. The IMF is expected to send a team to investigate why the Kenyan Attorney-General and courts have failed to prosecute a single case in the affair.

University students who chant Mr Kabila's name to taunt Mr Moi are expected to be in the vanguard of the march on State House. Their campus residences are close to Mr Moi's official home.

Richard Leakey, the opposition politician and conservationist, said yesterday that "there is a growing attitude that we are not going to stop civil disobedience until Moi comes up with the reforms necessary to make this a genuine democracy".

Dr Leakey, a third-generation Kenyan and member of the unregistered Safina party, said that it was a "scandal" that police were deployed to break up Monday's "non-violent protests".

Students did, however, throw stones and fling missiles from slingshots in running skirmishes with the police. Many groups fear that, if they employ the same tactics during the State House march, the police will open fire with live ammunition.

SAYYID AZIM / AP PHOTO

President Moi hosts talks at his official residence yesterday on the civil war in Sudan

WORLD IN BRIEF

Campaign to sever Privy Council link

Washington: Commonwealth countries in the Caribbean are launching a campaign to abolish appeals to the Privy Council and appoint a regional Supreme Court (Tom Rhodes writes). A growing body of critics throughout the English-speaking Caribbean, from Jamaica to Barbados, no longer wishes to retain the council as absolute tribunal. Since a council ruling in 1993 to comute capital punishment for prisoners spending more than five years on Death Row, crime has been increasing, as has the number of commuted death sentences and the anger of the terrified population.

Meanwhile, the St Kitts and Nevis parliament is to consider a Bill to create the nation's first standing army to combat the threat of heavily armed drug traffickers.

General deserts Plavsic

Banja Luka: Bosnian Serb hardliners took a step nearer consolidating their power as their army's senior commander appeared to drop his support for Biljana Plavsic, the president, and her anti-corruption fight (Tom Walker writes). A brief statement by General Pero Colic, who succeeded Ratko Mladic, said the Bosnian Serb Army was "removed from the political process", increasing the isolation of Mrs Plavsic. A letter of support for her, signed by all international organisations, including Nato, said her move to dissolve parliament and call elections was wholly constitutional and in accordance with the Dayton Peace Accord.

Rusty plane just fell apart

Moscow: A passenger plane that crashed in southern Russia killing all 50 people on board was so rusted it simply fell apart, investigators said. The An-24 two-engine turboprop aircraft disintegrated 15 minutes after taking off from the southern city of Stavropol on March 18. The crash was caused by "massive corrosion" of the plane's fuselage, said Rudolf Teimurazov, head of the official investigation commission, according to the Tass news agency. The crash plane was 35 years old and had been decommissioned, but it returned to service with Stavropol Airlines after repairs. *(AP)*

Tamils hijack supply ship

Colombo: A crewman was shot dead as Tamil Tigers hijacked the *MV Morang Bong*, a North Korean cargo vessel, off Vettilaikerni in the Jaffna peninsula of Sri Lanka. The ship had refused their orders to stop. The Voice of Tigers radio said the body and the other 37 crew, all unhurt, would be handed over to the International Committee of the Red Cross. The 3,000-tonne craft was returning to Colombo after unloading food and other essentials in the peninsula. *(AFP)*

Killers in amnesty plea

Cape Town: Four blacks who killed Amy Biehl, 18, a white American student four years ago apologised to her parents Linda, right, and Peter, for what a lawyer described as an attack by sharks in a feeding frenzy. The four, serving 18-year prison terms for the murder, issued the apologies during a public application for amnesty to Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The parents do not oppose the pleas. *(Reuter)*

Ousted prince warns rival of civil war in Cambodia

BY BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRINCE Norodom Ranariddh, Cambodia's ousted First Prime Minister, said yesterday that his country would be plunged into civil war unless his rival, Hun Sen, began immediate negotiations to restore him to power.

"I am willing to meet Hun Sen [the Second Prime Minister] to solve this problem within the existing legal framework but if we cannot there will be, alas, a civil war in my poor country," Prince Ranariddh said in Paris.

The prince, who fled Cambodia on Friday before serious fighting erupted, accused Hun Sen's forces of assassinating one of his allies, Ho Sok, Secretary of State at the Interior Ministry. He said Ho Sok was killed when he tried to escape. He had been arrested trying to take refuge in the Singaporean Embassy. Khieu Sopheak, the Interior Ministry adviser and a member of Hun Sen's party, said Ho Sok had been involved in "sabotage and plots". He was shot "by people angry with him".

Ho Sok was one of four senior members of Prince Ranariddh's Funcinpec party identified by Hun Sen as being responsible for two days of fighting in Phnom Penh that left at least 58 people dead and up to 200, mostly civilians, wounded.

More than 1,000 people were being flown out of Cambodia yesterday after Hun Sen gave assurances of security around Phnom Penh's battered Pochentong airport, which was damaged in weekend fighting.

Six Thai Air Force planes arrived in Bangkok from Cambodia carrying 700 people, mainly Thais and some foreigners. The C130s had flown to Phnom Penh several times earlier in the day to pick up stranded foreigners.

More military planes were to fly out late yesterday to ferry another 358 American, Dutch, Japanese and Australian nationals from Phnom Penh to Bangkok.

In Paris, Prince Ranariddh said he wanted to return to Cambodia to lead the resistance movement. He said he planned to address the UN Security Council in New York today. "I am asking the international community to take a clear position and to refuse to rocognise a government resulting from a coup d'etat," he said.

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Scientists follow dinosaurs' prints on path of discovery

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

A DINOSAUR highway containing thousands of fossilised footprints could be the greatest discovery of its kind in the world, palaeontologists suggested yesterday.

The 50-mile pathway stretches along remote coastline near Broome, in north Western Australia. The remarkable find is regarded as so important that scientists are keeping the exact location a secret, for fear of theft and vandalism.

The site contains the largest number of footprints and the greatest diversity of species, including two-legged plant-eating dinosaurs and giant four-legged species, such as the brontosaurus and stegosaurus.

Dr Tony Thulborn, leader of the three-man expedition that found them, said the footprints provided a window to the "habitats and habits" of at least a dozen dinosaur species that lived 115 to 120 million years ago. The Queensland University palaeontologist added: "There were so many, it got to the point where we'd say 'not another bloody dinosaur footprint'." He said the footprints ranged in size from a few inches to more than five feet.

The path was revealed after the area was hit by recent cyclones. Giuseppe Leonardi, a Naples palaeontologist, said they were the best set of dinosaur footprints in the world.

Traces of stegosaurus, above, are 'best ever found'

Walkabout before the world split

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

DINOSAURS first appeared when all the continents were joined as the single supercontinent of Pangaea (All Earth). They were thus able to spread across the world. No species save man has ever had quite the same opportunity, because Pangaea began to split around 200 million years ago to form two continents, Laurasia in the north and Gondwanaland in the south.

The southern continent, consisting of what is now Africa, South America, Australia and Antarctica, remained intact for rather longer. This explains why similar fossils and footprints are found in continents now widely separated. After the break-up of Gondwanaland, Australia began to develop its distinctive fauna, the marsupials.

In fact, marsupials first appeared in South America around 65 million years ago, towards the end of the dinosaur era, and reached Australia via Antarctica while the three were still linked.

Tasmania holly may be oldest plant

Hobart: Botanists believe they have discovered Earth's oldest living plant in the Tasmanian wilderness: a holly bush 43,000 years old.

The *Lomatia tasmanica* plant — King's Holly — is in a patch of rainforest in the island's southwestern World Heritage Area. Stephen Harris, chief botanist with the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, said it was found in the 1930s but its age had never been suspected.

Botanists had thought the oldest living plant was a huckleberry in the United States dating back 13,000 years. The oldest tree is an Arizona bristle-cone pine, dated at a youthful 4,700 years.

Mr Harris said the Tasmanian plant was a self-propagating clone. It did not produce seeds but reproduced by shedding "cuttings" on the forest floor which grew into genetically identical clones. The plant appeared to consist of several hundred individual shrubs, but they were genetically identical.

The plant has glossy, pointed leaves resembling holly and flowers regularly. A cutting had lived for years in a pot at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.

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China still tries to control US with cash, Senate told

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

CHINA has systematically tried to influence American politics through "substantial sums of money" and the effort "continues today", a Republican senator, Fred Thompson, declared yesterday in a dramatic start to the Senate's long-awaited probe into murky fundraising practices during last year's elections.

With all the showmanship that he cultivated in his former career as a film actor, Mr Thompson used his opening speech to announce that "there apparently was a systematic influx of illegal money into our presidential race. We want to know who knew, who should have known, and whether there was a cover-up".

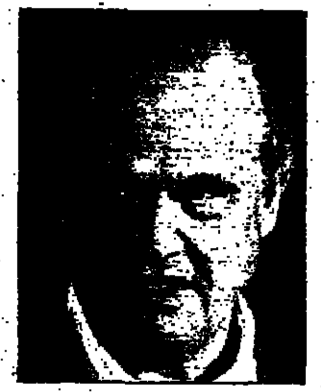
Mr Thompson's governmental affairs committee hearings are seen in Washington as representing the last chance to uncover the truth about the financing of the 1996 presidential and congressional races before attention swings to next year's mid-term elections.

The 16-strong panel — nine Republicans and seven Democrats — is supposed to be bipartisan in approach, but will inevitably focus on allegations of illegal money-raising which have swirled around President Clinton since his re-election.

However, despite its $4 million (£2.3 million) budget, the committee faces huge obstacles. Although Mr Thompson feels he has evidence of the Chinese Government's plans, he will find it very hard to show that it actually influenced policy; without that, public opinion beyond Washington may well remain unruffled.

Republican committee members also agreed to end proceedings by December 31, a concession they now bitterly regret, fearing that the Administration will be able to stall in producing documents until that date.

Most dramatically, key witnesses have fled the country, or will not talk. John Huang, the fundraiser at the centre of many of the charges, has said he will not talk without immunity from prosecution — although he says he has done nothing wrong. Charlie Yah Lin Trie, the former Little Rock restaurateur who attempted to channel $600,000 into Mr Clinton's legal defence fund, has fled to China.


Thompson: "systematic influx of illegal money"

James Riady, an Indonesian businessman and donor with links to Mr Huang and China, is in Indonesia. Pauline Kanchanalak, who arranged donations of more than $500,000, has returned to Thailand. Roger Tamraz, an oil financier who gave $177,000, is now sought by Interpol.

Mr Huang's silence presents the committee with one of its trickiest decisions: whether to grant witnesses immunity from prosecution to get them to testify. Committee members are reluctant to do so.

The probable absence of the foreign witnesses means the committee's greatest hopes rest on two men: Harold Ickes, a former White House deputy chief of staff, and Bruce Lindsay, a long-standing friend and confidant of the President.

In particular, Mr Clinton's critics are slavering over the prospect that an embittered Mr Ickes may finally break his silence since leaving the White House after the November election.

Kennedy tells of a clan cursed by drink

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

A SCION of the Kennedy clan has admitted publicly that the family's younger generation has a serious drink problem, also disclosing that "eight or nine members of the 28 Kennedy cousins are involved in Alcoholics Anonymous meetings daily".

As a result, said Christopher George Kennedy, the son of the late Robert Kennedy, "it's easier to get an AA meeting together at the family compound in Hyannisport [Massachusetts] than a touch-football team".

The revelations are made in the August issue of *Vanity Fair*, published here today.

Christopher, 34, who presides over day-to-day operations at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, a colossal Art Deco building his grandfather bought for a peppercorn in 1945, admits frankly that a number of his cousins have "spent time in rehab clinics around the country". He adds: "And there's a fair number who have sought advice from doctors and psychiatrists."

Hinting at a pattern of family alcohol therapy sessions, he says: "There is an almost unparalleled examination into the forces that affect our lives, a much more serious one than you can imagine. It's done individually, it's done as a group, and it's almost ... endless.

"No one has hidden behind alcoholism as an excuse for inappropriate behaviour. But all of us clearly understand the link. And in cases where alcohol contributed to inappropriate behaviour — in every case — those people don't drink any more."

The house that booze built: Joseph Kennedy with his sons in 1934. At back: John, left, and Joseph Jr. Seated left, Edward, and right, Robert. Younger members of the family followed in their elders' footsteps and suffered drinking problems

An example of a Kennedy who has gone "dry" is Robert Francis Kennedy Jr., who, once a rollicking boozer, has been clean and sober since 1983. The *Vanity Fair* article cites an unnamed family friend as saying that he has been the most instrumental in coaxing many of the younger Kennedys to join the AA. "The AA reliance on a higher being has saved his life," says the friend, "and those of several of his relatives."

In their thirst for alcohol, the younger Kennedys are only following in the footsteps of the generation before them. Although both John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy were known for their alcoholic binges, no one exemplifies this legendary thirst for a tipple more than Senator Edward Kennedy, the youngest of the clan's most sparkling generation. His career is littered with unsavoury incidents of alcohol-fuelled misbehaviour. Although he denied it, most observers were convinced that he was drunk when he drove his car into a river at Chappaquiddick in 1969, killing Mary Jo Kopechne.

Christopher Kennedy: came clean publicly

More recently, in 1991, he sought to defend his errant nephew, William Kennedy Smith, who was charged with raping a woman after a drink-filled night on a beach. Senator Kennedy's support — the *gist of which was that boys* will be boys — only confirmed his reputation for waywardness and amorality. Stories abound of his revelries.

The Kennedys, of course, have a long alcoholic bloodline. The patriarch of the clan, *Joseph Patrick* Kennedy, was a bootlegger, in addition to being a draft dodger, anti-semite and serial philanderer.

☐ Dedham, Massachusetts: A prosecutor yesterday abandoned an investigation into whether Michael Kennedy, 39, had sex with an underage baby sitter, saying the girl had refused to co-operate. *(AP)*

Mexico's ruling party humbled

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN

WITH 15 per cent of the votes from Sunday's Mexican elections to be counted, Humberto Roque, the ruling party's president, conceded yesterday that it would fall well short of the 250 seats *needed for a majority in the* 500-seat Congress.

The Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), this century's most durable ruling party in the Western world, suffered crushing blows, losing control of the lower house for the first time in its history.

While the PRI took 38.9 per cent of the congressional vote, the conservative National Action Party won 27 per cent and the left-wing Party of the Democratic Revolution 25.6 per cent. The PRI also lost the mayoralty of Mexico City — won by the PRD's leader, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas.

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UN begins drive for Cyprus deal

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

BACKED by American muscle and supported by the European Union, the United Nations today begins a drive to try to solve one of the world's more intractable political problems by bringing together the leaders of the *divided island of Cyprus*.

The meeting, at Troutbeck in New York state, will be the first direct contact in nearly three years between President Clerides, the Greek Cypriot leader, and Rauf Denktas, leader of the Turkish Cypriot community.

The aim is to reunite Cyprus under a federal system before it begins negotiations to enter the EU next year. A settlement would also remove one of the potentially most explosive flashpoints between Nato members Greece and Turkey.

In advance of the talks, Mr Denktaş has spoken of his pessimism, and Turkey, which has 35,000 troops in northern Cyprus, has promised to shield him from international pressure. Nevertheless, mediators say the coming EU negotiations and unprecedented interest on both sides of the Atlantic provide an important new dimension.

"The chances of getting a *settlement are better than they* have been for quite a long time," Sir David Hannay, Britain's Cyprus envoy, said on a recent visit.

Diplomats say it would be hard to find two men better placed than Mr Clerides and Mr Denktas to persuade their people to accept a settlement. Both British-trained lawyers, they have been sparring over the negotiating table for nearly three decades, although their adversarial relationship goes back to the 1950s, when Mr Clerides was a leading defence lawyer for men suspected of working for Eoka, the organisation fighting to end British rule, and Mr Denktas was prosecuting.

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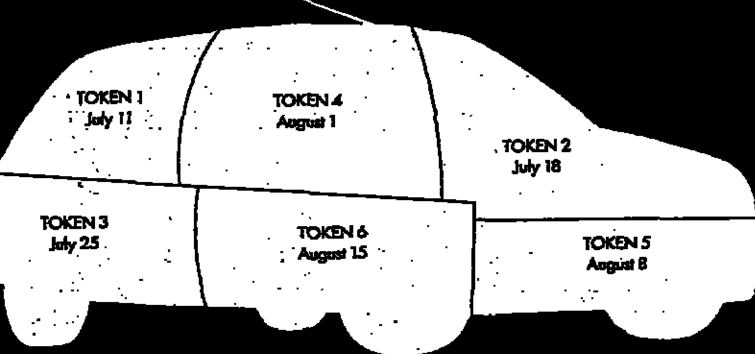

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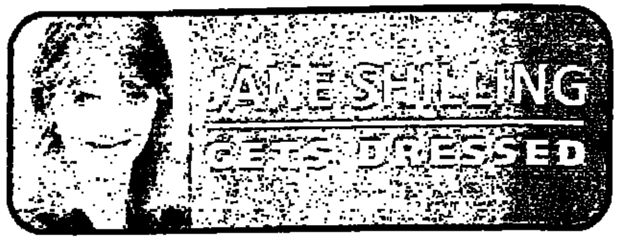
Mrs Blair and *my* hairdresser



Between working all day in the office, and dashing home in the evenings to bake batches of iced fancies for the school sports club's fundraising cake stall, I do not live what you might call an interesting life. My brushes with fame are few. Non-existent, in fact. So you can imagine how thrilled I was to open the newspapers and see that Mrs Blair had stumped up a tidy sum to fly André of Michaeljohn, or My Hairdresser, as I have until now referred to him when he cropped up in conversation, all the way to America to keep her hairdo under control.

Really, I felt just as excited as if I myself had personally done something very clever, and I fell at once to ringing up all my friends and saying: "Have you seen in the papers, about Cherie Blair's hairdresser, Andre? Well, that's *my* André, yes the one who did that brilliant thing with my fringe."

(I ought here to mention, in the interests of Andre's professional pride, that he is most emphatically not responsible for the hairstyle that appears in the photograph at the top of this column. That is a look which I achieved all by myself, with the scissors from my sewing box, half a can of Sainsbury's Firm Control mousse and a vicious hangover.)

The thing about hairdressers mostly is how absolutely awful they are, unless you happen to be Linda Evangelista — and I bet even she has once or twice had that thing when they prod you in the back of the neck with a tailcomb, roll their eyes at you in the mirror (you are never allowed to look at a hairdresser's actual flesh-and-blood face: only his sneering reflection in the glass, above your own, cruelly top-lit phiz, all flushed and shiny from the backwash), and say, in the tones of Kenneth Williams impersonating Dame Edith Evans: "Oooh gawd, well so who done *this*, then?"

The correct answer to this is: "You, actually, darling," but personally I never dare, for fear of reprisals. I just sit there humbly, staring at the glossy magazine in my lap, hoping that when I look up I shall have been turned into Celia Chancellor.

Oh, the things that have been done to me by hairdressers over the years. It is dead straight, my hair, and fine, and it grows down over my nose like a curtain. When I was at school, the curtain extended all the way to my waist, like Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair. It drove the games mistress wild, which was the one good thing about it. But it wasn't what you'd call flattering.

"It's lovely *hair*, as such," has been the coiffeur's refrain over the decades. "It's just that it doesn't *do anything for you*." I've tried centre partings, side partings, fringes straight and graduated. I've had the whole lot permed into two foot of wriggly Pre-Raphaelite crimp; I once had something called a Spiral Cut, which began under my left ear and ended up on the other side somewhere below my right collarbone. In my twenties, I had the curtain lopped to a Dora Carrington bob, which caused my then young man to go a bit pale. "It makes you look very … *clever*," he said, eventually.

'I felt as if I had done something very clever'

For those of us with Difficult Hair (and it is clear from the pictures of her in the papers that Mrs Blair is a member of our club) the search for the perfect hairdresser is a bit like the quest for true love. One starts off, young and full of hope, trying this one and that one, and time passes, and age begins to creep on, and the right chap just doesn't turn up — and eventually you think, Oh dear, well, after all, one *can* get through life without, I suppose … And then, just as you've given up hope, Shazam! he bursts into your life and transforms it altogether, with his innovative layering and volume at the back and artistically gnawed asymmetric fringe.

Really, I'm so pleased that at last it has happened for Mrs Blair. The only thing is, when I tried to get an appointment with André on Saturday, they said he was booked up forever. So I went to Kevin instead — and now I think it's love.

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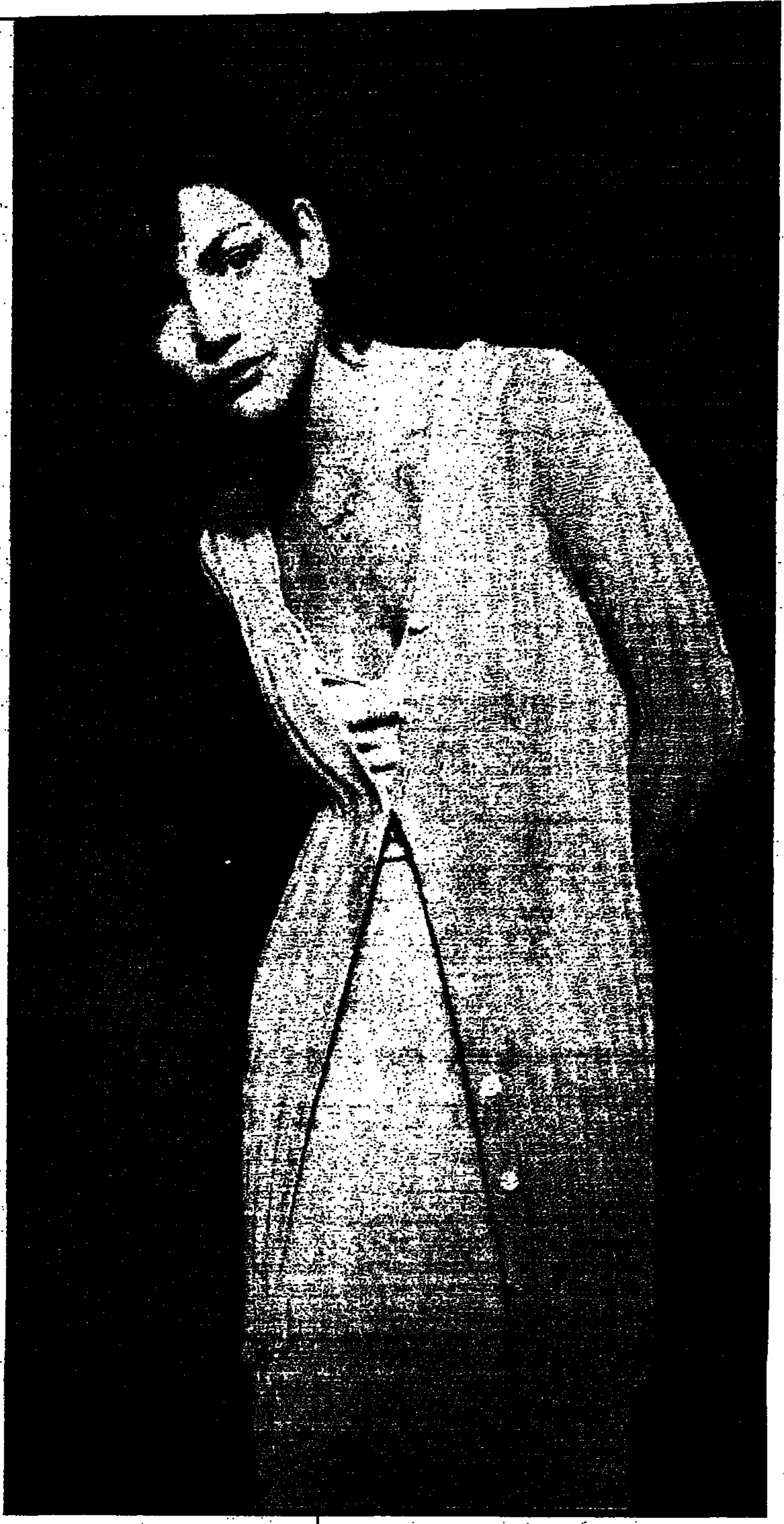

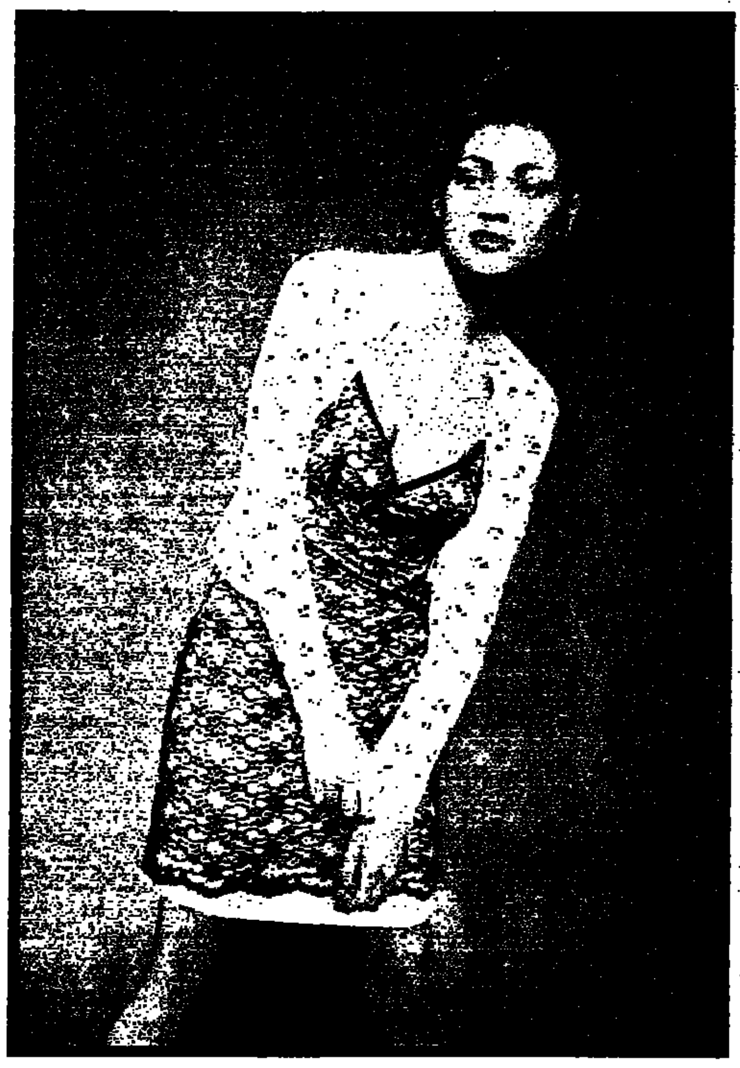

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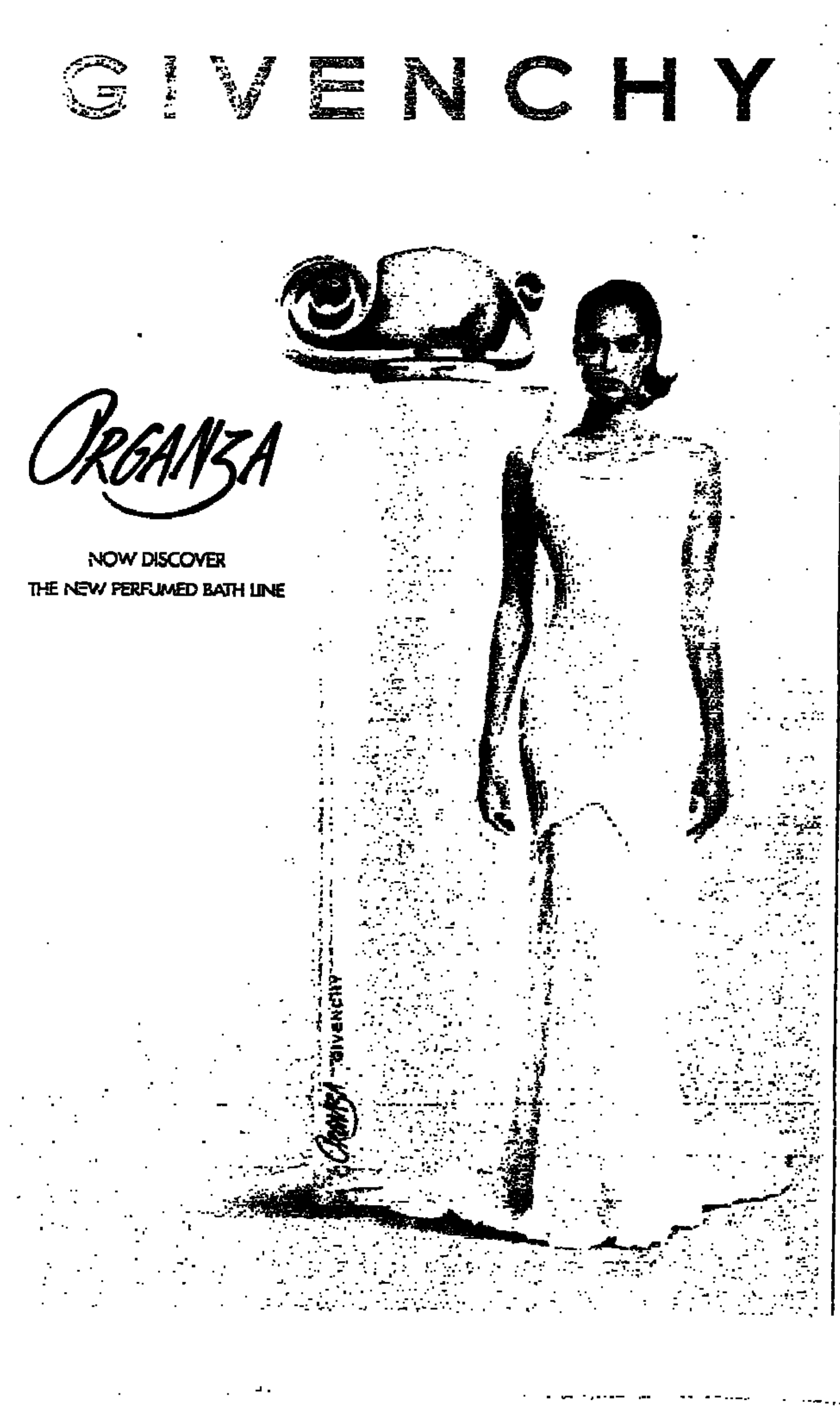

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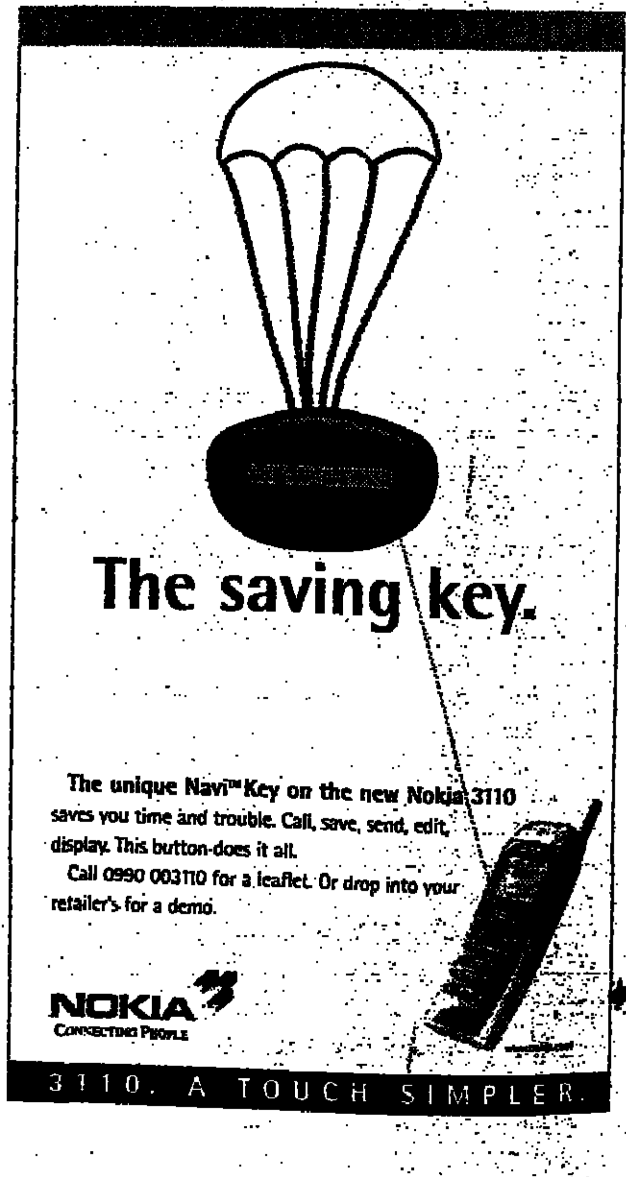
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When the upper crust cracks

When it comes to feuding with the people next door, the upper classes can be savage, says **Philip Delves Broughton**

Last week, Bob Hoskins called Noel Gallagher of Oasis the "greatest neighbour in Europe". The two live opposite each other in Steels Road, Belsize Park, north London. "Noel's done the street a great favour," said Mr Hoskins. "House prices have gone right up since he moved in. You don't hear a thing from his house because he's spent a fortune on soundproofing." His raving about Mr Gallagher, however, is the exception which proves a general rule: that especially among the grand and the famous, neighbourliness and viciousness are close relations.

Last month a classic scrap broke out in the Oxfordshire village of Garsington. The villagers had become increasingly fed up with the traffic and noise caused by the annual mini-Glyndebourne held at Garsington House, home of the banker Leonard Ingrams. So they organised a sabotage. On the opening night of the festival, just as the conductor brought in the orchestra for Haydn's *Le Pescatrici*, a choir of strimmers and lawnmowers started up from the neighbouring gardens. A car alarm joined in, and one angry villager even buzzed the opera in a light aeroplane. The noise ceased during the dinner interval, then began again as soon as the opera resumed. Inside the manor, black-tied guests cheered loudly after every aria.

Recently reported fights between Diana, Princess of Wales and Princess Michael of Kent and between Martha Stewart, America's Delia Smith, and her neighbour, prove that no class is exempt from the feud between neighbours. In fact, the thicker the crust of respectability, the louder the noise when it cracks.

The cat-war of Kensington Palace began when Princess Michael ordered traps to be laid in the palace grounds to catch the strays which were pestering her pedigree Burmese and Siamese cats. According to Princess Michael's housekeeper at the time, Julia Dias, who is suing her former employer for unfair dismissal, Diana would crawl through the bushes to release any strays caught in the traps. When the RSPCA came to check the traps, Diana was said to have encouraged her two sons to shout "here come the cat-killers". Her loathing of Princess Michael, said Ms Dias, was not helped by the latter's habit of referring to Diana as "the stupid girl next door".

Over in the Hamptons on Long Island, the favoured weekend retreat of New York's plutocrats, Mrs Stewart has been in trouble for allegedly threatening her neighbour's gardener. Mrs Stewart may be able to churn out books on cookery, interior decoration and fashion, but when confronted with insubordinate neighbours, she lost it.

Like all the best feuds, this was a slow boiler. Mrs Stewart and her neighbour, Harry Macklowe, had been rowing about a piece of land between their properties. When Mr Macklowe began planting earlier this year in an area that Mrs Stewart regarded as hers, she went to the East Hampton Village Zoning Board, which decided in her favour. Mr Macklowe obtained an immediate injunction barring Mrs Stewart from removing what he had already planted, but it was too late. She had already driven home and pulled up his plants.

Two months ago, however, Mrs Stewart returned to her mansion to find workers building a fence on the disputed land. She started screaming and, according to her lawyer, "made threatening moves with her truck", resulting in a landscape gardener being bruised on the thigh. The local police chief told reporters: "We're investigating a whole list of complaints against Mrs Stewart."

For advice on her next move, Mrs Stewart might put in a call to Charles Saatchi, the advertising whizz and modern art patron, who was involved six years ago in a feud still spoken of in Chelsea as "the battle of St Leonard's Terrace". It began in 1989 when Mr Saatchi bought No 26 St Leonard's Terrace, a six-storey Georgian house, for £1.75 million. At No 25 was the Hon James Tennant — old Etonian, Cambridge graduate and the brother of Princess Margaret's close friend Lord Glenconner. Their fight was straight out of a Tom Sharpe novel, pitching the *nouveau pauvre* aristocrat against the *nouveau riche* Saatchi.

Charles Saatchi complained of abuse

Before beginning his renovations, Mr Saatchi offered his neighbours on either side £5,000 each by way of compensation for the imminent disturbance. Mr Wynn-Williams at No 27 refused the money, saying he fully understood the need for the renovations. Mr Tennant, however, trousered the cash.

When Mr Saatchi had finished his renovations, Mr Tennant's solicitors filed a complaint alleging that the work had caused £95,600 of damage to their client's property. Worse still for the publicity-shy Mr Saatchi, Mr Tennant went to the press with his tale, accusing his neighbour of destroying a chestnut tree in his garden by bolting metal light-fittings into the branches which overhung the garden of No 26. He said that when the floodlights were turned on, it made his garden look like the parade ground at Colditz. Mr Saatchi said that three pin-spot lights highlighting his grotto hardly constituted Colditz lighting. Mr Tennant then said that the £95,600 claim was just for starters, to cover redecoration, and that Mr Saatchi should brace himself for a £250,000 bill for structural damage.

Mr Saatchi's gardener complained that on several occasions, as she worked on the trellises in the garden, the Tennants' Chinese houseboy would lean over and spray insecticide straight into her eyes while Tennant mouthed orders from an upstairs window. Mr Saatchi, an Iraqi-born Jew, said that he and his wife suffered a regular stream of anti-Semitic abuse, with swastikas and notes saying "Go home Jewboy" being stuffed through his letter box.

His Rolls-Royce Corniche was attacked with acid, had its windows smashed and finally, in May 1991, was torched. The suing and counter-suing, abuse and car attacks all ceased when Mr Tennant died of a heart attack in 1992, aged 62.

Things have not yet descended so far in Carlyle Square where, last year, Sir David Frost, whose neighbours include the Duchess of Portland and Felicity Kendal, was summoned to an emergency meeting of the Carlyle Square Committee after complaints that his children played football in the communal gardens.

Certain residents have it in for Sir David. They resent his annual summer party in the square. They wince as they see John Major and John Birt treading in the flowerbeds. His children were instructed to go to a public park with their ball rather than use the communal garden, but not before an acrimonious face-off between the committee, Sir David and his formidable wife, Lady Carina, one of the Duke of Norfolk's daughters.

With Martha Stewart under investigation, the Princess of Wales on all fours crawling through the Kensington undergrowth and Charles Saatchi counting the cost of a burnt-out Rolls Royce, Bob Hoskins can thank heaven he has so far done without the two essentials for modern neighbourly relations: a good strong stick and a lawyer.

The late James Tennant and his wife Elizabeth outside St Leonard's Terrace, scene of an epic feud between residents

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The true myth of motherhood + A great age of programme-making + A word of warning for Sir Terence + Austin's mission to make things better

Why having a baby at 12 needn't be such a bad thing

A 12-year-old becomes the country's youngest mother and is at once furiously upbraided and invited on to every radio and television show going. What sort of a message must she — and other girls her age — be getting?

But then, what sort of a message must she have received already? Her parents, who have six other children between them, have never even told her the facts of life. Do you think that they also don't yet know what's causing it?

It is that aspect that shows us — as shockingly contemporary as we like to think this particular story is — that all is as it ever was. Watch a programme about girls who got pregnant in the Fifties and had to put their children up for adoption, and you nearly always hear how in the dark these girls were about sex. Time after time, they were corrupted by their own innocence.

The modern aspect comes in the reaction of the parents — these newly minted grandparents. They blame the school and they blame the Government: *they* should really be doing something about this "tragic waste of life".

Forget, for one instant, the hideous lack of self-awareness, let alone responsibility for one moment. Does it not seem strange that a man should welcome his granddaughter into the world by hailing her "a waste of life"? There is a saying, I don't know if it's Irish or Jewish (comes to the same thing, really) which states that the child is always welcome. In some part, that should be remembered, even here.

I don't say it's ideal to have a child at 12, but some part of me wonders why we force our middle-class values and ideas on people who have no chance of sharing them. This pre-teenage mother isn't going to run Midland Bank: who's to say she isn't better off having a baby than sitting on some production line somewhere?

But it's not just premature maternity that's lambasted these days, but motherhood in general. Itemising the woes of maternity is the coolest thing to do. Never mind how the children are going to feel when they read all this hostile outpouring (natural enough, but not for public display, surely) in later years. It seems to me that in presuming to blow one myth of motherhood, this lot are creating another.

One doesn't experience motherhood as a concept, one lives it as a relationship. When I had my first child, I was flummoxed when everyone kept asking me how I was enjoying motherhood. I never understood what they meant. I know how it feels to be the mother of my children, but that's it, and that's all it can be, all it should be. The true myth of motherhood is not that it isn't what it's cracked up to be, but that it isn't, full stop.

Nigella Lawson

Pay up, it's programmes that matter

I HAVE every sympathy with the liberal angst about John Birt's pay rise. It doesn't. I do see, look good. I'm sure to most of them it doesn't, personally or ideologically, feel good. But what I have no time for is the cacophonous carping of the Right. All those who trumpeted the good sense of paying the likes of Derek Lewis huge sums of money, reminding us of market values, great competition (not that it looked as if there was much marketplace scrummage competing for his attentions) and that you can't pay peanuts if you don't want monkeys, are now seized with the wickedness of just that position.

Now they say that John Birt and his senior officers should realise that they are in public service and must expect, unassumingly, to be remunerated accordingly. Either you think that you need to pay up to have good people at the top, or you don't. Probably you do have to. (Unfortunately, one often pays to have bad people at the top, too).

Far more worrying, anyway, than the pay rise accorded to the managers (although not irrelevant, I accept) is the pay cut meted out to the programme makers. The BBC may be a public institution, it may be a repository of our island values, it may be a property-owning, interest-wielding crypto-commercial concern: but all that matters is the programmes. Profit or not, it's the programmes that count, and those who make them.

Those currently in charge are, whatever you like to say, presiding over a great age of programme-making. Surely that should count in all this? They must be doing something right.

Bad hair days — and a mission to reform

WHO can blame us if, all these Hamiltons and Aitkens later, we are cynical about just what it is that motivates our politicians? But it can't always have been like this. There must have been a time when every MP came into Parliament fired by a mission to make things better. Imagine, for instance, the idealism of the once-youthful Labour member for Great Grimsby — a man who looked around his world and saw inequality and injustice and decided that he would do something about it.

There is, after all, so much scope for so much zeal: a crumbling health service, unconscionably high unemployment, soaring crime, the ever-widening gap between the haves and the have-nots.

Yesterday Austin Mitchell, the member for Great Grimsby, did his fiery bit. He introduced a Bill to regulate hairdressers, a Bill which, such are the constraints on the current Parliament, stands no chance of becoming an Act anyway.

Now, I'm sure that every tale of green hair, bad bleaching and instant baldness which Mr Mitchell movingly related to the House is someone's personal nightmare. But to take up the crusade is, not to put too fine a point on it, a bit sad.

Perhaps this is unfair of me: maybe every citizen — or rather subject — has indeed the right not to have to endure a bad hair day: I didn't read the small print in New Labour's manifesto, it's true. But really: *how* has it come to this?

A cautionary tale...

NOW THAT the divorce settlement of the Conrans has been juiced for all it's worth, commentators are opening metaphorical books on the prospect of a fourth Conran marriage. Just in case Sir Terence is considering renewing his faith in uxoriousness, I pass on to him the words of agony and experience of another much-alimonied-against man, one Lewis Grizzard.

"I don't think I'll get married again," he concluded wrily. "I'll just find a woman I don't like and give her a house."

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A favourite airline flies into the past

John Monks says Blair's Britain won't support BA's union-busting

An industrial tragedy is unfolding at British Airways. This is no simple disagreement that may inconvenience the rest of us, but is hardly worth getting excited about. Fundamental questions are at stake. BA's agenda has less to do with becoming more competitive, than with pursuing a union-busting agenda that may have gone with the political grain of the early 1980s but now looks distinctly old-fashioned.

And this is the tragedy. Here is one of Britain's most respected and most profitable companies set to throw away much of its hard-won reputation for quality. BA is a great British success story. Its staff have played their full part in this, yet now feel that their loyalty has been betrayed as many of them embark on the first strike of their working lives.

BA's cabin crew are about as far away as it is possible to get from the traditional image of industrial militants. There can be few readers of *Socialist Worker* in the staff lounges of Gatwick and Heathrow. Yet they are undoubtedly angry, as the company which they have so loyally served threatens them.

If BA had been seriously committed to settling this dispute through negotiation, then it would have behaved very differently. BA refused to release staff representatives from their travel schedules last week until the weekend, thus cutting the time for meaningful negotiations. And it was unable to provide the TGWU with a copy of the agreement it claimed to have reached with Cabin Crew 89 — a breakaway union that does not speak for a majority of the cabin staff. It is hard to think of any other negotiation where union representatives were being asked to sign up to an agreement which management were unable to show them.

This lack of seriousness by BA management is shown by their preference for the studio over the negotiating table for discussion with the union as they follow a strategy based on sharp public relations, rather than good industrial relations.

But despite BA's huge public relations budget, it is losing the public debate. Its tactics seem as dated as its anti-union stance. Too many people have suffered from job insecurity and over-mighty bosses in the past decade. Indeed, this is one reason why Labour won such a landslide in May.

People can see that British Airways is extremely profitable. They can see that it has pots of money to spend on redesigning its planes as it drops the Union Flag. They are ready to believe that BA is practising a heavy-handed style that wants a decisive shift away from partnership with employees to a one-sided relationship where management has a free rein. They can recognise the divide-and-rule approach of a company that deliberately encourages a breakaway union. They can see the lack of support from other companies for its management style. In short, one of Britain's quality blue-chip companies is in danger of repositioning itself as as confrontational bullyboy.

Such an image makes dubious commercial sense for any airline trying to attract passengers. Despite the claims of the adverts, one airline is much like another. It gets you from A to B as quickly as possible. There is normally a choice of carrier, and there is often little to choose between them. The reputation of BA's cabin staff has always been a big plus for the company. Its position as Britain's unofficial national carrier has always given it an advantage with customers. Yet it risks throwing this all away in pursuit of the doubtful advantages of breaking the union while destroying staff morale and commitment.

If this were simply a straightforward disagreement between one employer and its workforce, then it is extremely unlikely that the TUC would become involved in the way we have with this strike. Such disagreements are eventually resolved by talks. Relationships normally heal fairly quickly afterwards.

Indeed, I am always keener to talk of partnership. Just as the Cold War is over, so is the class war. Companies and their workforces have more in common than that which divides them, and I have no hesitation in telling unions and employees that they should never forget this even in the middle of disputes.

> Despite BA's huge PR budget, it is losing the debate

Confrontation may have been a catchword for the 1980s, but partnership must be the watchword for the millennium and beyond. My message to Government, unions and employers is that unions now want to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. It is no coincidence that 44 out of the top 50 British companies recognise unions. It is not the unionised companies that are holding back Britain. The firms that refuse to meet the challenge of dealing with their employees on equal terms are often those that fail to meet the challenge of a rapidly changing world in other respects.

This is what makes BA's hidden agenda so depressing. Even if the airline is successful in its strategy, it will be as a result of having broken the morale of its workforce.

This is why the TUC is giving its full support to the TGWU. We have informed trade unions throughout the world of this dispute and asked them to take appropriate action. We are also calling for consumers to boycott BA.

The net result will be to hit British Airways hard. The last thing I want to see is a weaker company. I want to go back to paying tribute to its success. Even now, it is not too late for BA and the TGWU to return to the negotiating table with open minds, no preconditions and copies of the agreement they want to discuss.

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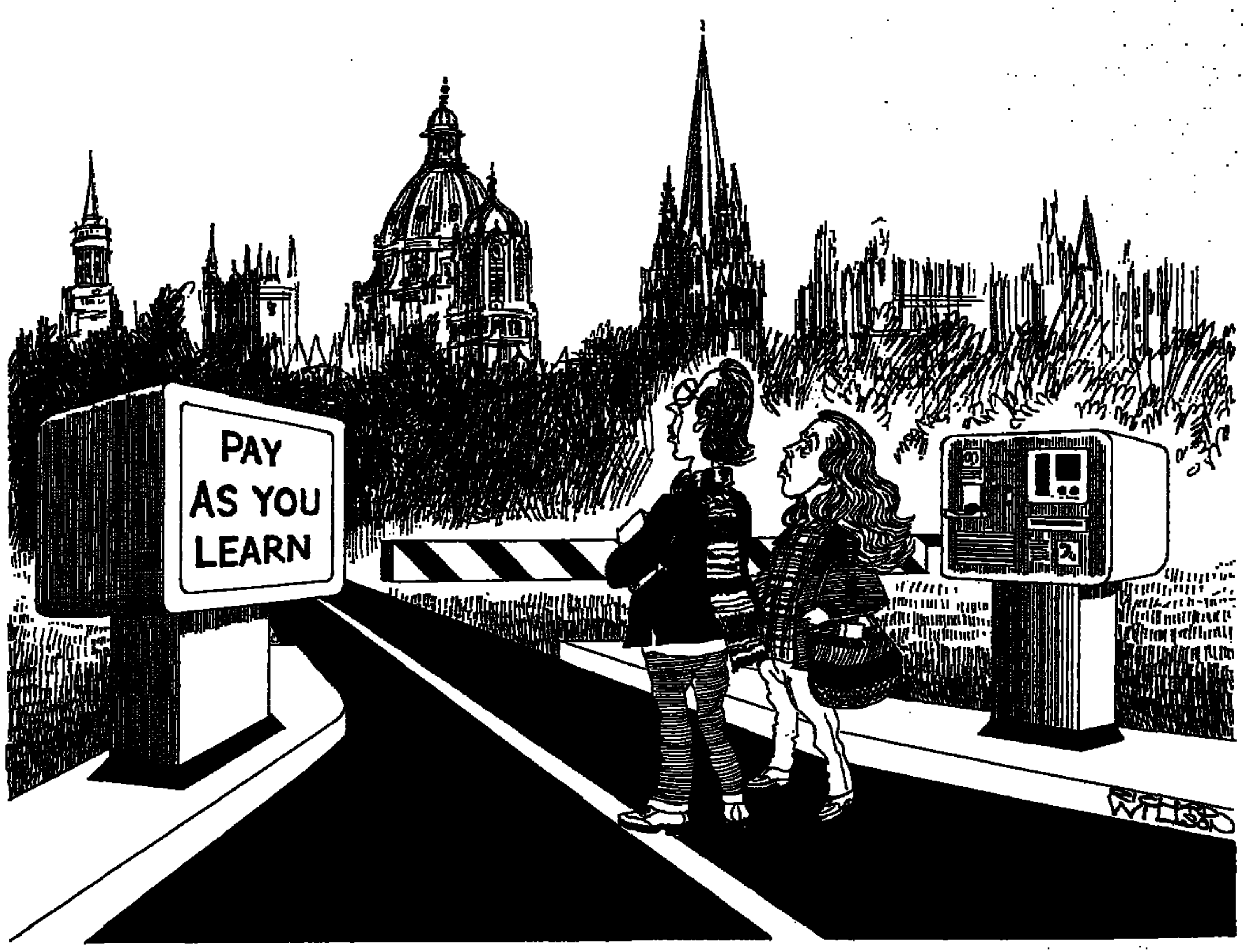


Payment by degrees

Tuition fees of £1,000 a year will hit the middle classes but liberate universities

Simon Jenkins

We are about to see the colour of the Blair Government's convictions. We are to see Socialism with bite. The Cabinet is steadying itself to sting the rich, squeak the pips and shudder the shires. A tax is on its way that did not appear in the Labour manifesto or in the Budget, a tax that dared not speak its name. It is a tax inconceivable to Tony Blair's predecessors, a tax from which Margart Thatcher shied in horror. Presented with it on a plate last year, the then Education Secretary, Gillian Shephard, screamed and showed it to her opposite number, David Blunkett. He screamed. They both clung to nanny, namely Sir Ron Dearing, who promised to protect them from the tax until after the election.

The election is gone and nanny is standing in the doorway. This month he will tell Mr Blunkett that he must make students pay tuition fees at British universities. The finger of history has fallen on Mr Blunkett. He must end the glorious postwar tradition of free higher education. Students, or their parents, will have to pay some £3,000 for a three-year course, over and above living costs. Another citadel of the welfare state falls to the dark forces of the Treasury. The citadel may have gilded battlements and ivory turrets, but for decades Labour politicians have been saying that higher education must be free to all. Now principle must bow to necessity, and under a Labour Government. The harlot Irony takes another turn on stage.

When I was an undergraduate nobody thought of fees. They were philistine American things, impoverishing parents and loading students with debt. We expected a grateful state to pay for our university education, a state that recognised our talent and anticipated our contribution to the public weal. We cheekily added a request for our costs of living. It was more fun to study away from home. My own grant contrived to finance, as I recall, not only a reasonable lifestyle but a holiday abroad and a share in a near-lethal motor car. Students lived high on the hog of the taxpayer. Universities might still be mostly for the middle class, but for the middle class to pay would seem deliberately to exclude the poor. It would be most troubling to the bourgeois conscience.

The crack in this wall of smugness came with the erosion of the maintenance allowance in the 1980s. This grant (now averaging roughly £2,000 a year) is barely half what it was worth in 1980. A third of parents must now contribute some or all of the means-tested allowance, and a half of all students take out a loan. It costs an average of £4,500 to maintain a student at a British university, considerably more in London. Even Labour, which bitterly opposed loans at first, has accepted them as a fact of university life. The state offers no cost-of-living grants for school pupils. Those lucky enough to make it to university — two-thirds of whom are considered "middle-class" — can reasonably be expected to pick up part or all of the living costs.

Tuition fees are a different matter. Tuition is not digs, beer and discos. It is education, high learning, communing with the spirits of the ancients. Such activity, so it was thought, should not be sullied by an exchange of lucre. Neither Labour nor the Tories have yet been able to stomach the idea that any corner of British education should be fee-paying. Neither party mentioned fees in their manifestos, sticking to the Shephard-Blunkett pact of "waiting for Dearing". Top-up fees had been mooted by a few macho universities, such as Birmingham and London. So the black cloud steadily gathers. Government spending per student had declined by a quarter last year compared with 1990, a fall euphemised by officials as a "rise in productivity". The same fall (or rise) is budgeted over the next five years.

Riding the white horse of "education, education, education", Mr Blunkett boasted an extra £835 million for his department last week in his Budget coup. But every penny was for schools. He forgot the lobby he joined in December 1995, savaging his predecessor for likewise "giving [to schools] with one hand and taking [from universities] with the other". *O tempora! O mores!* The universities are entitled to feel friendless. They believe they are heading for the fate of those on the Continent, being forced to dumb down so politicians can claim rising student numbers at no extra cost. Institutions of world renown face a future as mere lecturing academies, packing students into large classes and with no personal tuition.

Hence the unthinkable must be more than thought, it must be done. Later this month Sir Ron will report — unless the political censors get at him first. He will say what Mrs Shephard and Mr Blunkett could have agreed last year, that students must pay fees, or university standards will fall. He will say that going to a British university should be priced at roughly £1,000 a year, in addition to maintenance. That is only a quarter of the tuition cost of an arts course, far less for science, medicine or engineering. This would nonetheless make the total cost to the "consumer" of tuition and maintenance in the region of £5,500 a year, or £16,500 for a three-year course. In London the total could be nearer £20,000. With interest added, this is approaching transatlantic levels of expense. A four-year course at an American state university costs an average of £34,000.

At this point, Dearing merely offers options. Should the fee be £1,000 a year across the board, he asks, or perhaps differentiated by subject? There is no reason why the state should subsidise expensive courses in medicine and dentistry where the earning power of graduates — and their ability to repay — is high. But is there any more reason for cross-subsidy in pure science and engineering, where the jobs market is weak and student demand correspondingly low. Recent surveys have shown the biggest earnings go to lawyers, accountants and economists, whose courses come relatively cheap. The case for differentiation is overwhelming, and to hell with sentiment.

Dearing will be no more specific about repayment. Almost half of students now take out loans to cover maintenance, despite the loans being on tough, mortgage-style terms. Add in £1,000-a-year of fees and students with no parental support could face a heavy debt on graduation. Far fewer women graduates remain in paid employment than men. Even with a "stop the clock", income-related repayment, they would carry a reverse dowry into motherhood. Perhaps this is no bad thing: young people should think seriously before imposing on themselves and the state the costs of higher education.

Another option offered by Dearing is of a graduate tax-coding, either one that expires when the debt is redeemed, or a much smaller one for life. Such is the financial benefit of graduate status, so it is argued, that all who have enjoyed a university education should pay something back while they can afford it.

Subsidised higher education has long been the most indefensible middle-class subsidy in Britain. A system devised to give the poor access to higher education has barely increased the percentage of poorer students at university. This remains as it was 20 years ago at roughly one-third, albeit of a higher total of students. There is no evidence that America's loans-based universities are more socially exclusive (or yield a worse-educated workforce). There is no evidence that Australia's new loans scheme has cut the numbers of poorer students. This overdue debate is still fogged by prejudice.

A grander battle will be fought elsewhere. The money generated by fees could be large, in theory £10 million a year to a university with 10,000 students. But that means ensuring that universities receive the money. This implies a fee-plus-loan scheme tailored to each institution, not invented like the present loan scheme by officials in Whitehall. Universities must have at least the bulk of this new money, to shape their courses to the student market place, not to the (science-obsessed) manpower planners who control university finance at present.

Fees should liberate universities from centralised control. They should be freed to charge more for higher quality teaching, to reverse the dumbing down of a decade of "more means worse". When private citizens give their fee to teachers, that fee should convey expectations and reverse obligations. It is a bond that must be energised. Consumers, not governments, are the ones who should demand value for money from higher education. Fees offer them a chance.

Alan Coren

■ Yoiks, tally-ho! . . . And up the antis

Tomorrow is a big day for Britain. It is a big day because, tomorrow, 100,000 Britons will converge on the capital of Britain in protest against the threat to the rest of it, and they did not do that for the last big day for Britain, which was the day the Chinese snapped up the British Empire. One hundred thousand Britons did not converge on the capital to protest against that, which shows you just how big a day tomorrow is.

I shall not converge with them, mind — though I may well throw open the attic sash to find out how the convergence is going, for if the anguished chorus succeeds in chanting its way, however faintly, from Hyde Park to Cricklewood, I shall know that it is going very well indeed — because, despite the fact that I want their protest to succeed, I should not want my presence to give anyone the wrong idea. I want their protest to succeed for a reason very different from theirs. They want to stop the enactment of the Wild Mammals (Hunting With Dogs) Bill, because it will mean the end of foxhunting, and with it the passing of a culture and an economy crucial to rural Britain. I want to stop the Bill because it will mean the end of anti-foxhunting, and with it the passing of a culture and an economy crucial to rural Britain.

From 1977 to 1988 I owned a cottage in the heart of the New Forest, which is to say, as Jorrocks might, the Teart of Tampshire Tunting. I and my family rode, though we did not hunt, because we had very strong convictions against it, the prime among these being that none of us wanted to spend the rest of our lives in plaster. We did, however, spend every weekend cantering carefully about, very occasionally breaking into a brief, circumspect gallop if the terrain was very flat and the horse was very old, which was how we came into regular contact with the vast numbers of abolitionists who, during the hunting season, would descend upon every last acre of the forest to pursue their passion.

They were an integral part of rural Britain. Drawn, contrary to the hunting fraternity's blinkered prejudice, from every class and walk of life — nobs in Barbours, blokes in rally jackets, wrinklies in support hose, kids in baseball caps, bright and dim, rich and poor, from every corner of the queendom — they were a splendid sight on a crisp autumn morning, as they sprang suddenly from brackened cover and hurtled out of the wraithy mist, waving their banners, whirling their rattles, tooting their horns, and hollering their traditional rallying cries.

And, once assured that we were not only unhunting folk but also ignorant of almost everything about the countryside, they proved to be invaluable teachers. They had a much greater knowledge of the forest's flora, fauna, lore and mores than our hunting neighbours, at whose chic parties the braying was largely of bond-dealing and farming-subsidies and Tuscan villas and Sir Terence's latest catering adventure; more yet to the point, their own catering relied either on Range Rover loads of Fortnum swishery brought down for the weekend or banquets-on-wheels by fashionable metropolitan cooks, while the less well-heeled hunters shopped in the supermarkets and delicatessens of Salisbury, whose comestible firepower would have done even more to destroy the village shop and its invaluable post office, were it not for the patronage of these precious rural British obsolescences by the hundreds of abolitionists who depended on them for food, drink, toiletries, logs, newspapers, candles, and all the other requisites of nomadic life.

Likewise, that other increasingly shaky institution of bucolic Britain, the country pub: hunters did not patronise pubs, they convened at some private manor for stirrup cups, and returned there for colour-coordinated pink gins when the fox was over the yardarm, leaving the pubs' survival to jolly abolitionists trudging back thirsty after the day's long shout. After which they would congregate around umpteen fires flickering in the forest night, to sing traditional British folk songs to a small guitar, heirs to the long, honoured and greenly radical line of Alan-a-Dale.

That is why I pray for the success of tomorrow's protest. Call me a nostalgic old reactionary if you will, but I tell you there is far more at mortal risk here than the fox.

THE TIMES DIARY

Night out

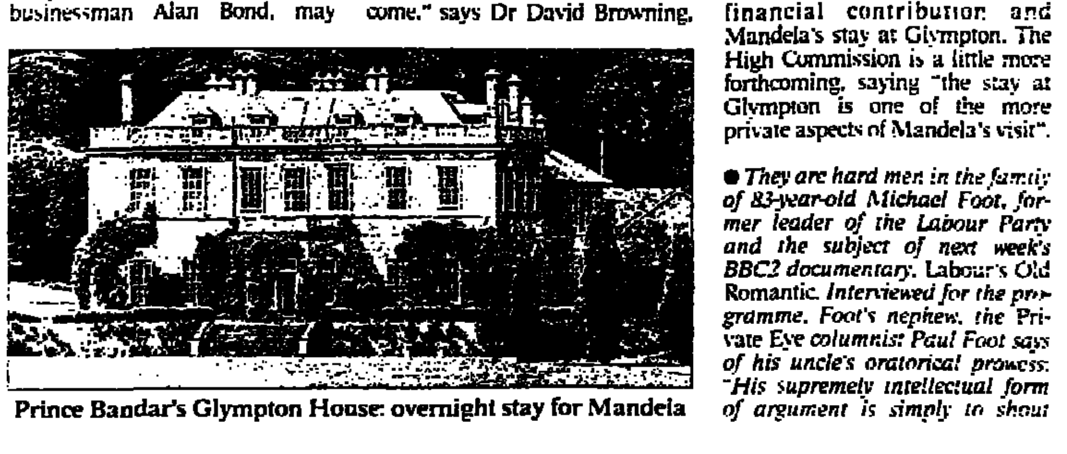
ON Friday night, President Nelson Mandela will stay at Glympton House, on the Oxfordshire estate belonging to Prince Bandar, the Saudi Ambassador to the United States and a cousin of King Fahd. It will be just a short drive from Oxford, where Mandela will be giving a speech at the Sheldonian Theatre organised by the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, followed by dinner with the Prince of Wales, the patron of the centre, at Wadham College.

His stay at Bandar's estate, bought from the fallen Australian businessman Alan Bond, may provide some answer to the question of why of all the many invitations he receives, Mandela accepted the Islamic Centre's.

Prince Bandar has long been a vocal supporter of the centre. When President Mandela last visited London, he attended a dinner in St James's Palace hosted by the Prince of Wales, where Bandar spoke about the centre's work.

Officials at the centre, however, are coy about discussing the link to Mandela via Bandar. "We invited the President in April or May and were thrilled when he decided to come," says Dr David Browning, registrar of the centre. Asked if there was any special reason why Mandela should choose an Islamic centre to speak at, he says: "I simply don't know."

The centre protests further ignorance on the subject of Bandar's financial contribution and Mandela's stay at Glympton. The High Commission is a little more forthcoming, saying "the stay at Glympton is one of the more private aspects of Mandela's visit".



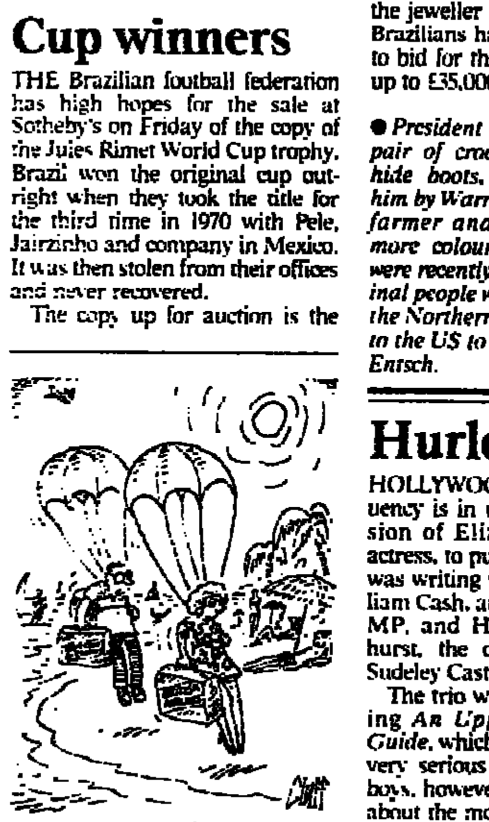
Prince Bandar's Glympton House: overnight stay for Mandela

● *They are hard men in the family of 83-year-old Michael Foot, former leader of the Labour Party and the subject of next week's BBC2 documentary,* Labour's Old Romantic. *Interviewed for the programme, Foot's nephew, the* Private Eye *columnist Paul Foot says of his uncle's oratorical prowess: "His supremely intellectual form of argument is simply to shout 'balls' as loudly as possible."*

Cup winners

THE Brazilian football federation has high hopes for the sale at Sotheby's on Friday of the copy of the Jules Rimet World Cup trophy. Brazil won the original cup outright when they took the title for the third time in 1970 with Pele, Jairzinho and company in Mexico. It was then stolen from their offices and never recovered.

The copy up for auction is the only one known to have been made by the man who made the original, the jeweller Alexander Craig. The Brazilians have dispatched a man to bid for the trophy ready to pay up to £35,000.



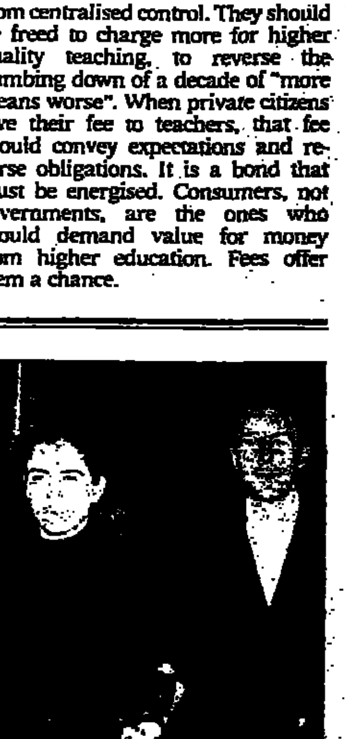
"Stop complaining, Brenda, BA got us here, didn't they?"

● *President Clinton is to receive a pair of crocodile and kangaroo hide boots, made especially for him by Warren Entsch, a crocodile farmer and one of Australia's more colourful MPs. The boots were recently completed by aboriginal people working on his farm in the Northern Territory. "I'm going to the US to give 'em to him," says Entsch.*

Hurley huff

HOLLYWOOD'S English constituency is in uproar after the decision of Elizabeth Hurley, the actress, to pull out of the book she was writing with her friends, William Cash, author son of Bill Cash MP, and Henry Dent-Brocklehurst, the diminutive owner of Sudeley Castle, Gloucestershire.

The trio were meant to be writing *An Upper Class Survival Guide*, which Cash describes as "a very serious lavatory book". The boys, however, were keen to write about the more intimate details of Miss Hurley's private life with her boyfriend, the actor Hugh Grant.



Hurley and Cash: bust-up

Speaking from Los Angeles, Cash says: "Henry and I once suggested as a joke that Elizabeth might help us to research the chapters on tantric sex." Miss Hurley was not amused.

The agents for the book at Gillon Aitken understand that Miss Hurley is still involved. Cash, however, is resigned to carrying on the research Hurley-less. "After all, the book is a self-empowerment manual for overprivileged minorities," he says.

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MASTERLY INACTION

The Bank must not feed the speculators by raising interest rates

Tomorrow at noon, three officials of the Bank of England plus two advisers will announce a decision which will have much more effect than Gordon Brown's Budget on the British economy in the year ahead. If the Bank decides to raise interest rates for the third time in three months, it will play directly into the hands of the currency speculators who are now making as much money by buying sterling as they did by selling it on Black Wednesday. The pound will shoot upwards and British exporters will have to start sacking workers and cancelling investment plans.

If, on the other hand, the Monetary Policy Committee decides to delay any action until its next monthly meeting, it will have a rare chance to wrong-foot speculators and perhaps even partly to reverse the malignant hardening of the pound. The Bank would still be in a position to raise interest rates in the months ahead and might be right to do so. But by delaying it would have shown that it takes seriously both sides of the dual responsibility conferred on it by the Government: "to deliver price stability and, without prejudice to this objective, to support the Government's economic policy, including its objectives for growth and employment".

If the Bank were to send this signal, Britain's industrialists would be wise to persist with their long-range plans, regardless of temporary setbacks. For Britain might then be on the way to creating the kind of benign environment of low inflation, full employment and robust growth maintained in America by the pragmatic monetary policy of the Federal Reserve Board.

The timing of a quarter-point change in interest rates would not normally be so significant. But conditions are far from normal today. Currency markets are in a speculative frenzy after the Budget, which City analysts interpreted as an open invitation to an inflationary boom.

This interpretation is probably wrong. Inflation remains remarkably subdued. There was panic in the City over yesterday's small increase in retail prices. But roughly half of this was due to a weather-related jump in the price of food.

If Britain were measuring prices on the harmonised basis proposed by the European Commission for future members of EMU, underlying inflation would be only 1.6 per cent, instead of the 2.7 per cent reported yesterday. Manufacturing output and orders are falling. Building society windfalls may bring forward purchases of furniture and appliances, but this could be mirrored by falling sales of these same items next year. On top of this, the Chancellor has presented a modestly deflationary Budget. And most importantly, the 20 per cent jump in sterling guarantees that the squeeze both on industry and inflation will intensify.

The impression of a clash between the fiscal and monetary authorities frequently causes currencies to become overvalued and gives central bank independence a bad name. By refusing to cast a vote of no confidence in the Budget, the Bank could prove that it is a pragmatic institution which recognises the deflationary effects of a strong exchange rate, without in any way committing itself to the futile and potentially inflationary defence of a particular target for the pound.

If instead the Bank opts for a rushed decision to raise interest rates tomorrow, it will create a one-way bet for speculators in sterling, by showing that it is completely oblivious to sterling's deflationary effects. It will then bear the full responsibility for the economic damage that results. In voting tomorrow, the MPC's independent members should remember that they were appointed to be independent. The Bank officials should recall the lesson of the ERM, the gold standard and the devaluations of 1967 and 1949: in monetary politics there is no such thing as an irreversible decision. If the Bank ruins the economy in exercising the powers it has been given, these powers could just as suddenly be taken away.

MODERN MEXICO

Free trade has proved the catalyst for political reform

In a year of dramatic results, the outcome of the mid-term elections in Mexico must rank as one of the most remarkable. The Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), which has held almost all Mexican political offices of any consequence since 1929, suffered a severe setback at the polls. Final returns yesterday confirmed that the party would no longer command a majority in the Chamber of Deputies. Furthermore, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, leader of the left-wing Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD), comfortably won the contest for Mayor of Mexico City. The other main Opposition bloc, the centre-right National Action Party (PAN), also made a significant advance.

The unpopularity of the ruling party is understandable. The sudden collapse of the Mexican Peso in December 1994 produced two years of unparalleled austerity. The discovery of deep corruption, including elements related to narcotics interests, under former President Carlos Salinas, stunned even the more cynical observers of Latin American politics. The current President, Ernesto Zedillo, has encountered enormous difficulties in imposing his authority either on his own party or in southern Mexico, especially Chiapas, where guerrilla activity by determined, if erratic, rebels persists.

In the past none of these problems would have mattered. The PRI would have used its control over the machinery of Mexico's elections to ensure that the right result emerged from the ballot boxes regardless of what the voters put in. In the 1988 presidential contest the new Mayor of Mexico City appeared set for victory over Mr Salinas when a sudden computer failure stopped the count. When the process restarted the votes switched direction.

This election, by contrast, was remarkably fair. An independent Federal Election Institute prevented interference at the polling stations. Strict controls over campaign finance and careful scrutiny of the state-controlled media ensured that more subtle forms of bias did not operate. President Zedillo accepted defeat with good grace. Mr Cárdenas was similarly magnanimous in response.

None of this would have been likely without the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between the United States, Canada, and Mexico that took effect three years ago. Mexico's increasingly technocratic leadership sought that pact because by the late 1980s they had come to realise that their highly protected economy — dominated by the oil sector — could not continue in that fashion. The emigration of skilled labour had become a national crisis. A determined programme of mass deregulation and privatisation under Mr Salinas persuaded Presidents Bush and Clinton to embrace their southern neighbour.

An informal but essential part of that package, Washington made clear, was that past practices that made a mockery of Mexican democracy would have to be abandoned. That price was conceded by the PRI leadership. It led to the legislation passed last year that ensured a proper election on this occasion. The precise impact of NAFTA on Mexico's short-term economic outlook remains a matter of contention although the medium-term effect can only be advantageous. The political consequences have already been powerfully demonstrated.

REHEARSE THE PLAYERS

The most modern actors still need a grounding in the classics

That gifted voice-coach, Hamlet, had sound advice for Elsinore's players. They were not to tear passion to tatters and split the ears of the groundlings but to "speak the speech trippingly on the tongue". History is packed with similar remonstrance. The admirers of Kean thought Kemble spoke and moved "like a man in armour", while Kemble's fans found Kean brash and vulgar. Adrian Noble, artistic director of the RSC, now tells us that our drama schools are producing actors with little understanding of the Elizabethans and less ability to handle their verse. His strictures stand in a long tradition.

But this is more than just another battle in the war between different generations and changing styles of acting. Many secondary schools are failing to give our children a grounding in the theatrical classics and, with drama barely on the national curriculum, deafness to Shakespeare is likely to worsen. Drama-school principals increasingly feel obliged to tilt training towards television, because that is where the work is. Some of them say that their students are more interested in the cinema than the theatre, and that their models are Pacino and de Niro, not stage actors. Moreover, regional theatres no longer have permanent companies and can seldom afford to mount Elizabethan work with large casts. Thus the on-the-job training that an earlier generation took for granted barely exists.

Noble's diagnosis, then, is as accurate as it is disturbing. The academies could do far more to ensure that our classic theatre is not surrendered to Method mumblers and ersatz Californians. But the RSC is not without blame itself. Sir Peter Hall, who created the company in 1961, has himself criticised some of its directors and actors for neglecting Hamlet's instructions. Instead of speaking the speech trippingly, and acknowledging the rhythms of Elizabethan verse, performers pack their words with a specious and slovenly realism. Shakespeare, the poet of the human heart, dwindles into Shakespeare the Hampstead psychologist.

Modern-dress productions, now more common than traditional ones, exacerbate the trend. They encourage the mundane. It is hard for a Lear in a hospital straitjacket or a Shylock in a City bowler to catch the intricate energies of Shakespeare's poetry. Yet who wants heritage Bard in respectful doublet-and-hose? The challenge is to ensure that the old words dance and the old plays are as fresh for us as they were for our ancestors: and it is one which our academies and directors are failing to confront.

There is no reason yet to despair. Nobody who saw Stephen Dillane in Sir Peter's production of Hamlet or Emma Fielding as Viola in the recent RSC Twelfth Night could be without hope. But we badly need more young performers exceptional enough to tackle the obstacle course ahead of them and more directors able to help them over it. What is at stake is the very survival of Shakespeare as a living force.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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England's role in devolution debate

From Mr Simon Chapman

Sir, You report (News in brief, later editions, July 2) that the Prime Minister is to write to all Labour Party members in Wales to urge them to support his devolution proposals.

The Government must not be allowed to get away with continuing to present the devolution debate as being relevant only to those living in Scotland and Wales and their MPs. The constitutional importance of devolution extends far beyond that. Not only are expatriates from both countries affected; so also is that nation conspicuous by its absence from Government's plans: the English.

England has fewer MPs per voter than either Scotland or Wales. She receives less public expenditure per head than either Scotland and Wales. That is tricky enough to justify under the present system. It becomes rather harder if Scotland and Wales are to have a greater say in their own government yet still retain the same powers in relation to English affairs.

The West Lothian question about inequality of representation can be answered: let the Scots have their assembly if they want it, but let them also accept the consequences of that choice. Fair-minded Scots must surely accept that if they are to have their own Parliament, their representation at Westminster should be reduced into line with that of the English.

Those MPs they have should also be restricted in the matters on which they can speak and vote. If the Scottish Parliament controls Scotland's education, Scottish MPs should have no power over England's education. That is the fair choice to offer in a referendum, not only to the Scots and Welsh, but *also to the English*.

But although the West Lothian question can be answered, others remain. For example: are the new assemblies to be funded and administered solely at the expense of Wales and Scotland, or will the English taxpayer be denied a say about devolution but still be expected to help pay for its consequences?

It is the clear duty of all English MPs, whatever their party, to represent the interests of their own constituents in this debate. They must force the Government to justify its plans not only to Scotland and Wales, but also to England.

Yours faithfully,
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July 4.

Church and disabled

From the Reverend Tom Connelly, Director of the Catholic Media Office

Sir, May I clarify the position of the Roman Catholic Church as to the rights and responsibilities of people with special needs, following your report headed (early editions) "Protests to Vatican after disabled urged to avoid sex" (July 2).

The Catholic Church upholds the absolute right of any disabled person to enter into the married state as long as the normal requirements are met (ie, those to be married must be able to give consent to the bond).

Nowhere in the teaching of the Church is it ever stated that people living with a handicap should abstain from sex, still less that they should "consider sterilisation".

Indeed in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio*, Pope John Paul expressly opposes any pressure applied to married couples, from whatever source, to consider sterilisation. Such pressure, he writes, "must be altogether condemned and forcefully rejected".

Rather, the Catholic Church has been at the forefront of campaigning for the rights of those with special needs — taking an active role in opposing abortion on the grounds of suspected handicap and opposing euthanasia for those deemed to have a poor quality of life.

Yours faithfully,
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July 4.

'Sybaritic' bishops

From Lord Bridge of Harwich

Sir, A letter published today under the headline "Show me these 'sybaritic' bishops" attributes to the report of the review group under my chairmanship (*Synodical Government in the Church of England*) a reference to "chauffeur-driven bishops with lavish lifestyles and large staffs". The lifestyle of bishops was not within our terms of reference.

The language complained of comes from the report (June 30) by your religion correspondent, Ruth Gledhill. Ms Gledhill, in the course of discussing our report, interpolates her own comment that: "The review comes as concern grows at the cost of the chauffeur-driven lifestyles and large staff enjoyed by some bishops".

Whatever authority Ms Gledhill may have had for her statement, it was not derived from anything in our report.

Yours faithfully,
BRIDGE of HARWICH,
House of Lords.
July 4.

'Realpolitik' of Amsterdam treaty

From the Shadow Foreign Secretary

Sir, Sir Christopher Chataway (letter, July 5) asks why I "tolerate our continuing membership of the EU". The answer is that I think we benefit from our membership and have an important part to play in the evolution of a union of nation states which will work and which will last.

If we are to fulfil this role effectively we must point out the dangers that arise if the union develops in a different way.

All its member states are signatories to the United Nations covenant on human rights and the European Convention on Human Rights. It is therefore legitimate to ask why it is necessary to import human rights provisions into the Treaty of Amsterdam.

But if it is necessary, surely the right response to any member state that is in breach of its human rights obligations is to suspend that state's membership or to expel it, not to require it to remain a member but suspend its voting rights so that the views of the other member states *on any issue* could be imposed upon it.

As to the extension of qualified majority voting and the simultaneous increase in the power of veto for the European Parliament raised by your other correspondents (letters, July 5 and 7), the realpolitik of the European Union depends on the making of deals based on the power of some to block the desires of others. The European Parliament, after Amsterdam, will be more powerful; the member states less. This will not help to create the union of nation states which represents the best way forward for Britain and for Europe.

That is why the British people, like the Danes, should be allowed their say on the Amsterdam treaty before it is ratified.

Yours faithfully
MICHAEL HOWARD,
House of Commons.
July 6.

From Mr George Thomas

Sir, Sir Christopher Chataway writes from the Garrick Club to question whether Mr Howard really wants "to be in any club with" foreigners of the EU.

The EU is not a club. It is a dynamic political organisation run by politicians of whose ambitions the people are right to be suspicious. The people of this, or any other country, are right to believe that the defence of "the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms" are best kept in their own hands rather than delegated to a "club" most of whose members have, within the last few decades, shown less than enthusiastic respect for these principles.

Yours faithfully,
G. THOMAS,
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July 5.

Improving aid policy

From Mr Bill Linton

Sir, It might arguably be true that part of the answer to why Africa has got poorer over the last few years is that "much aid . . . perversely stacked the odds against the market" (leading article, July 2; see also letters, July 3) — though it is not a view I would support myself — but it is such a small part of the answer as to be irrelevant.

The baleful effects of the debt crisis on the one hand and steadily worsening terms of trade on the other are the primary reasons why so much of Africa is still in "the intensive-care ward". This is the market perversely stacking the odds against aid, not the other way round.

Only in the last few months has a worthwhile initiative to tackle the debt crisis finally emerged — the Highly Indebted Poor Country Initiative, put forward by World Bank President James Wolfensohn with the (somewhat reluctant) support of the International Monetary Fund.

The initiative is flawed, particularly in terms of the length of time which must elapse before any poor country can benefit from it, but it represents for the first time a genuine commitment to solving the problem.

If the flaws can be ironed out, then Africa could at last begin to compete on something like level terms with the rest of the world, regardless of what kind of aid it got from us.

Yours faithfully,
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July 3.

From Mr Tim Symonds

Sir, Mr D. John Shaw, recent Head of the UN World Food Programme Policy Affairs Service (letter, July 3), is clearly right when he states: "The poor themselves, female and male, should be intimately involved in the process of removing poverty."

May I go one step further, as someone who has lived in developing countries as far back as Kenya in Mau Mau times, and state that unless women in particular become decision-makers and leaders at every senior level, in very large numbers, neither poverty nor endemic conflict are going to be solved.

The UK Secretary of State for International Development is ideally placed to help develop parity democracy on four if not five continents, with results I may not live to see but believe will make for a far, far better millennium for everyone.

Yours faithfully,
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July 3.

The marchers

From Brigadier Robin Rhoderick-Jones

Sir, On Thursday, some 100,000 people are expected to assemble in Hyde Park to protest against proposals to ban hunting with hounds and the extended threat to other country sports and the tens of thousands of jobs which attend them. Many of those people will have walked from all corners of the United Kingdom; most will travel by coach and train. Last weekend a similar number converged on the capital to celebrate Gay Pride.

One of the surprising by-products of these two events is that *The Archers* ("An everyday story of countryfolk") has run an extended storyline culminating in the landlord of the Cat and Fiddle — and captain of the Ambridge cricket team — deserting his team members (with predictably dire results) and joining Gay Pride with his partner. There has, however, at the time of writing, been absolutely no mention of the Countryside March, despite the fact that several characters hunt or have hunted, many more shoot and fish, some are dependent on such activities for their livelihood and Eddie Grundy and his family are enthusiastic ferreters.

Isn't this rather odd? Or does it display a fondly nurtured wish of the writers and editor of the programme to turn Ambridge into a Finsbury Park with thatch and a village green?

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN RHODERICK-JONES,
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Dulford, Cullompton, Devon.
July 8.

New Tory policy?

From Mr Michael Gibbon

Sir, Mr Nigel Evans, MP, the Conservative frontbench spokesman on the constitution (letter, July 2), complains that the meeting of the Welsh Grand Committee held in Mold was a "sham" because the committee has no Conservative members, even though 317,000 people in Wales had voted Conservative on May 1.

I hadn't realised that proportional representation was now Conservative Party policy. There again, I don't imagine he's seeking to say that the general election was a "sham" just because the Conservatives did not win any seats in Wales.

Yours faithfully,
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July 2.

Stewart's home town

From Dr Cathy S. Baker

Sir, James Stewart was born in my home town of Indiana, Pennsylvania, not Indiana the State (obituary, July 4). Jimmy's father owned a hardware store rather than a china shop, which was located on the main street of the town about three blocks from Vinegar Hill.

I remember during the early 1950s Mr Stewart Sr displayed Jimmy's awards and photographs in the shop window. Today, a statue of Jimmy Stewart stands in front of the Indiana County courthouse not far from where Stewart's Hardware Store once stood.

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Open house — and garden — at No 10

From Mr Edmund Gray

Sir, It is good news that the Prime Minister is to open 10 Downing Street, and particularly its garden, to non-political guests on a wider scale (report, July 2; letter, July 7). I suggest that the rather skimpy garden would be greatly enhanced for wider hospitality if it incorporated the lawn towards Horse Guards Road.

This lawn has never been of much use to the public and has been cordoned off for security reasons for a number of years. Extending the wall of No 10 around it would actually do more to protect the house from terrorist attack than the Downing Street gates, since the sensitive parts face that way.

The grandiose gates, one cannot help thinking, were erected as much to serve Margaret Thatcher's White House pretentions, and to facilitate White House-style open-air press conferences, as for security reasons. They should at least bear a notice specifying the legal basis for suspending the *right of way through Downing Street* and promising its restoration as soon as the terrorist threat recedes. The more distant the prospect of re-opening the street the more necessary is a permanent reminder of our proud democratic tradition that the Prime Minister lives in an ordinary street, in a house of ordinary appearance, not in a palace behind railings.

In her article of June 12, Sue Cameron suggests that it is improper for the doorkeeper at No 10 to carry the Blair's shopping upstairs. This is incorrect. The house was given by George II to Walpole and his successors as First Lord of the Treasury for their "use and habitation", maintained from the outset at public expense.

Space for significant numbers of officials was only assigned by Prime Ministers in comparatively recent times, for their own convenience, and any Prime Minister wishing to reclaim rooms for private "habitation" would be entitled to do so.

It is a pity that such a distinct separation of the private rooms from the rest of the house was permitted by Macmillan when the over-extensive renovation of 1959-60 was carried out, leading to the misconception of a "flat" within an "office".

Yours faithfully,
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July 7.

Stratford's heyday

From Mr Keith Brace

Sir, Benedict Nightingale's description of the Stratford-upon-Avon theatre productions before Sir Peter Hall took over in 1960 as "up-market summer stock" is, in my view, unwarranted (Arts, "Benefit of hindsight", June 30).

Stratford pre-1960 — under Barry Jackson, Anthony Quayle and Glen Byam Shaw — was anything but "summer stock". It presented a programme of seven Shakespeare productions from April to just before Christmas, kept its audience with a superb winter season of opera, ballet and new pre-West End plays, and started again in April.

It was in no way "up-market". From my experience as a regular playgoer, the very mixed audience came from the Stratford area, Birmingham and all over the Midlands. People also came from much further away because they could, at that time, spend a week in Stratford and see all seven productions.

"Summer stock" hardly describes Peter Brook's *Love's Labour's Lost* (1946); the Helpmann/Scofield *Hamlet* (1948); Brook's *Measure for Measure* (1950) and his *Titus Andronicus* (1955), with Olivier as Titus (and in the same year as Macbeth and Malvolio); and Peter Hall's *Coriolanus*, with Olivier in the title role (1959).

Yours sincerely,
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July 1.

Sign-off of the times

From Mr David Staples

Sir, Mr Adrian Dodd-Noble suggests (letter, July 3) the "your obedient servant" is perhaps an unsatisfactory closing for an e-mail.

Could I be the first to conclude an e-pistle to the editor with a "smiley".

Yours :)
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From Mr Henry Robinson

Sir, The march of technology must not be allowed to erode courtesy and civilisation. In a civilised society, any written communication should be signed off with a suitably courteous salutation, whatever "netiquette" (letter, July 8) — or perhaps nerdiquette — may or may not require.

I remain, Sir, yours truly
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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 8: His Excellency Dr Singha B Basnyat was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Kingdom of Nepal to the Court of St James's.

Princess Jotshana Basnyat was also received by Her Majesty.

Mr Philip Astley (Director of Protocol, Foreign and Commonwealth Office) was present.

His Excellency Mr Karel Kühnl and Mrs Kühnl were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Czech Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency Dr Jürgen Oesterhelt and Mrs Oesterhelt were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Federal Republic of Germany to the Court of St James's.

Major Nigel Chamberlayne-Macdonald was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

The President of the Republic of South Africa and Mrs Graca Machel visited The Queen and remained to Tea.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, this morning visited the University of Cambridge and afterwards conferred Honorary Degrees at the Honorary Degrees Congregation.

The Baroness Gould of Potternewton (Baroness in Waiting) Called Upon The President of the Republic of South Africa, who was accompanied by Mrs Machel, at the Dorchester Hotel, London W1, this morning, and, on behalf of The Queen, welcomed the President and Mrs Machel on their Arrival in this Country.

Mrs Christian Adams has succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 8: The Princess Royal today visited *HMS Dryad*, near Southwick, Hampshire. Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Canal Museum Trust, this evening attended a Reception and exhibition "Women and Children of the Canals" at 12-13 New Wharf Road, King's Cross, London N1.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 8: Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded Miss Jane Walker-Okeover as Lady in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother

YORK HOUSE
July 7: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, today received Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew Edwards upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Martin Faussett upon assuming the appointment.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this afternoon visited the Sussex Beacon, Bevendean Road, Brighton, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex (Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson).

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
July 7: Princess Alexandra, Chancellor, this afternoon presided at congregations for the conferment of Degrees at Lancaster University.

Her Royal Highness later opened the Library extension and the Sir Alastair Pilkington Reading Room at the University.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will arrive at Mercat Cross, Clackmannan, at 12.15; will visit Clackmannan Parish Church at 12.25; will visit Alloa Town Hall at 12.45; will open Alloa Tower at 2.35; and will visit Cochrane Park, Alva at 3.30

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee, will attend receptions for young people who have achieved the gold standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 11.30 and 3.00; as Patron of the Outward Bound Trust, will attend a luncheon at Baillie Gifford, 1 Rutland Court Edinburgh at 12.45; and as Patron and Trustee, will attend a dinner for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Charter for Business at Edinburgh Castle at 7.45.

The Prince of Wales, as Patron, The Wildlife Trusts, will visit Clattinger Farm, part of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust at Oaksey, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, at 11.00; and will visit Lower Woods, part of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust at Robinswood Hill Country Park, Gloucester, at 2.00.

The Duke of York, will present the Methuen Challenge Cup and badges at the inter-service team shooting match at Bisley, Surrey at 4.30; and as Patron, will attend the Lucifer Golfing Society annual Commonwealth dinner at the Savoy Hotel at 7.50.

The Princess Royal, Honorary Colonel, University of London Officers' Training Corps, will visit the annual Territorial Army Camp at Otterburn, Northumberland, at 11.25; and will visit the Northumbria Army Cadet Force Training Centre, Redesdale at 3.40.

Princess Alexandra, as Chancellor, will preside at ceremonies for the conferment of degrees and honorary degrees at Lancaster University at 12.20.

Luncheon

First Day Cover Club
Sir Sydney Chapman, MP, was the guest speaker at a First Day Cover Club luncheon held yesterday at the Reform Club to mark the publication of the new *All the Queen's Horses* set of stamps. Mr Keith McDowall presided. Among others present were:
Mr Robin Corbett, MP, Mr Alan Williams and Mr James Lindsay (The Post Office), Mr Charles Anson, Miss Judy Beard and Mr James Rye

Today's birthdays

The King of Morocco celebrates his 68th birthday today.

Mr John Ainsley, tenor, 34; Mr Peter Balfour, former chairman, Charterhouse, 76; Sir Phillip Bridges, former Chief Justice of The Gambia, 75; Dame Barbara Cartland, authoress, 96; Mr S.J.R. Dawkins, Headmaster, Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, 52; Mr Ben De Haan, racehorse trainer, 39; Mr Richard Demarco, watercolourist, 67; Sir George Edwards, OM, FRS, former chairman, BAC, 89; the Earl of Erne, 60; Mr Eric Halladay, former Principal, St Chad's College, Durham University, 67; Mr Tom Hanks, actor, 41; Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, 81; Mr John Heath-Stubbs, poet, 79; Mr David Hockney, CH, artist, 60; Mr John Kennedy, chairman, The Law Debenture Corporation, 63; Dame Jill Knight, former MP, 70; Mr D.C. Lewis, chairman, UK Gold Selectech Television, 51; Lord St Oswald, 78; Air Marshal Sir John Sutton, 65; Mr Justice Tucker, 67; General J.H. Wahlström, former international leader, Salvation Army, 79; Mr Michael Williams, actor, 62; Mr Richard Wilson, actor, 61; Dr Stephen Winkley, Headmaster, Uppingham School, Rutland, 53.

SIMON SCHLUTER

Visitors to the flower show at Hampton Court Palace point out displays in the British Rose Festival

Hyacinths keep their freezer freshness

By Alan Toogood
Horticulture Correspondent

THE sweet fragrance of hyacinths greets visitors to the floral marquees at the Hampton Court Palace flower show.

They are part of a massed display of bulbs from W.S. Warmenhoven, of Hillegom, The Netherlands, which includes daffodils and tulips. The remarkable achievement of flowering these spring bloomers in midsummer was achieved by keeping them in the freezer since last autumn when they were planted, until two weeks before the show.

Many other inspirational ideas are to be gleaned in the floral marquees in the show, which opens to the public tomorrow. Among the topiary specimens from the Romantic Garden Nursery, of Swannington, Norfolk, is a passion flower trained as a standard — rather like a mop-headed tree — a novel idea for a patio container.

In the plant heritage marquee, J. Bradshaw and Son, of Herne Bay, Kent is showing different ways of growing honeysuckles. Holders of the National Collection, they have trained some as standards in pots, and others are twining through a trellis screen to produce a fedge, a hybrid between a fence and a hedge, including a cultivar of the common honeysuckle, *Lonicera periclymenum*, "Red Gables" with red and white flowers. *L.p.* Sweet Sue is being recommended for growing as a trailer in patio tubs.

Some of the displays are pure theatre, including the Scottish landscape created by Glasgow City Council parks and recreation department. Featuring plants and flowers of Scotland, there is an upland scene with pines, heathers and ferns, and a coastal scene planted with maritime plants such as sea hollies, grasses and sea buckthorn.

Many exhibitors are showing new or unusual plants. Among the collection of hollies from Mallet Court Nursery, of Curry Mallet, Somerset, is *Ilex ficoides* from China which looks like a weeping fig, *Ficus benjamina*.

Several new clematis are making their debut, but none are as distinctive as *Clematis pitcheri* "Phil Mason" shown by Scotts Clematis, of Lee, North Devon. Raised on the nursery, its bell-shaped flowers are purple at the bottom and cream at the top.

A pimpernel with unusual terracotta coloured flowers in profusion would make an eye-catching display on a rock garden. *Anagallis tenella* "Sunrise" is being shown by Hamptons Nurseries, of Hadlow, Kent.

The plant heritage marquee houses a wide range of National Plant Collections. The centrepiece is the collection of water lillies from Stapeley Water Gardens, of Nantwich, Cheshire. They are featuring good old hybrids which are being reintroduced to general cultivation, including yellow, pink flushed "Texas Dawn", rich garnet "Mme Maurice Lay Deker" and white, flushed pink "Elisèe".

The Henry Doubleday Research Association, of Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry, is featuring old vegetable cultivars including a broad bean with deep crimson flowers which would make a handsome addition to any flower border.

Heritage plants, good but once scarce garden plants being made widely available to gardeners, are being shown by Lambrook Plants, of South Petherton, Somerset, including *Penstemon* "Rose Blush," a perennial with large white and rose-pink bell shaped flowers.

The show, in the parkland of Hampton Court Palace, is open today to RHS members only. Public days are from tomorrow to Sunday from 10am to 7.30pm, closing at 5.30pm on Sunday. For further information telephone 0171-649 1885. For tickets call 0171-957 4000 (also available at the gate).

Memorial services

Brigadier Michael Harbottle
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Brigadier Michael Harbottle, former Director of the Centre for International Peacebuilding, was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated.

Miss Fiona Harbottle read the lesson and Mr Julian Oliver, representing Peace Child International, read a prayer. Major-General James Lunt and Lord Judd gave addresses.

Mrs Eirwen Harbottle, widow, read from *The Desert* by Minnie Louise Haskins. Last Post and Reveille were sounded by buglers from the 5th (V) Battalion of the Royal Green Jackets. Members of the family and many other friends were present.

Mr Alfred Aubone Baden Fuller
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Alfred Aubone Baden Fuller, barrister and Commons Commissioner, was held yesterday in Lincoln's Inn Chapel. Canon William Norman officiated.

Sir Irvine Goulding and Sir Maurice Drake read the lessons. Mr John Campion gave an address. Among others present were:
Professor Charles Baden Fuller and Professor Mary Morgan (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Kate Baden Fuller (daughter) Mr and Mrs Marc Smith (son-in-law and daughter), Ms Laura Smith and Mr and Mrs Colin Smith (grandchildren), Ms K Privett (sister-in-law), Mr Hugh Privett, Professor and Mrs Frederic Sandford, Mr and Mrs John Baden Fuller, Mr Stephen Baden Fuller and many other friends and former colleagues.

The Queen marks restoration of ancient fortified tower

By John Young

THE restoration of one of Scotland's grandest ancient buildings will be formally acknowledged when the Queen visits it today. Tucked away behind a modern housing estate, overlooking factories and a rather drab stretch of the River Forth, Alloa Tower nonetheless exudes more than five centuries of turbulent and colourful history.

It is exactly 500 years since Alexander, 3rd Lord Erskine, ordered the 11ft thick walls to be raised to their present height of nearly 90ft. It was a fearsome example of the traditional Scottish fortified house, of which England has no equivalent, the laird's stronghold against the warring clans which sought to usurp his lands.

The tower's history is closely linked to that of nearby Stirling Castle, seat of the Kings of Scotland. The 5th Lord Erskine was guardian to both James V and Mary Queen of Scots and the family was duly rewarded when Mary recognised its claim to the Earldom of Mar and Kellie.

Legend has it that James VI, who became James I of England, was the Earl of Mar's son, substituted for Mary's own son who had died soon after birth. Whatever the truth, the family prospered under the Stuarts, only to fall into disgrace when the then earl led the ill-fated 1715 Jacobite rebellion against the Hanoverian monarchy, lost all his possessions and was forced to flee into exile in France.

Later restored to favour, the Erskines played a leading role in the development of mining and the industrialisation of lowland Scotland, in domestic social reforms and in military adventures abroad. A palatial mansion was appended to the tower, moving Daniel Defoe to declare that the house and gardens were "everything that nature and art can do brought to perfection."

The house was destroyed by fire in 1800, rebuilt elsewhere in the grounds and finally demolished in 1959. The impervious tower survived but became derelict, was closed to the public and eventually saved by the efforts of a preservation trust formed by the 13th Earl and Clackmannan District Council, with financial support from, among others, Historic Scotland and the European Commission.

After eight years work it was leased last year to the National Trust for Scotland and reopened to the public. Among its notable features is a splendid 18th-century Italianate staircase surmounted by a dome, above which are two higher floors crowned by a magnificent oak beamed roof enclosed by a parapet walk with superb views of the river and Ochil Hills.

Church of Scotland

Ordination and induction
The Rev John Oswald to Lorne and Lowland, Campbeltown
The Rev Graham Austin to Findochty with Portknockie with Rathen
The Rev C. Ian W. Johnson to Old West Kirk, Greenock
The Rev Andrew Gardner to Flowerhill, Angus
The Rev Yvonne E.S. Atkins to St John's, Oxgangs, Edinburgh

Ordination
The Rev Jean Hess for service outwith the Church of Scotland
The Rev Richard Gibbons to Adviser in Mission and Evangelism, North of Scotland

Induction
The Rev John E. Gisbey to Part-time Minister at Thornhill
The Rev C.P. White to Henderson Memorial, Sandyford
The Rev Thomas M. McWhirter to New Luce with Old Luce
The Rev Lindsay Schulter to Trinity, Larkhall

Translations
The Rev Robert L. Glover from St George's West, Edinburgh, to Cockenzie and Port Seton Chalmers
The Rev Ian M.S. McInnes from Associate at St Columba, Ayr, to Blawarthill, Glasgow
The Rev John Lincoln from Altnaharra and Farr to Balquhidder with Killin and Ardeonaig

Demissions
The Rev Peter M. Houston from Renfrew Old

Retirements
The Rev Ernest G. Sangster from Alva
The Rev H.A.G. Tait from Crieff South and Monzievaird
The Rev A. Iain Campbell from Busby, Glasgow

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Ann Radcliffe, novelist, London, 1764; Ottorino Respighi, composer, Bologna, Italy, 1879; Gladys Ripley, contralto, Forest Gate, Essex, 1908.

DEATHS: Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury 1207-28, Slindon, Sussex, 1228; Jan van Eyck, painter, Bruges, 1441; Edmund Burke, statesman, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, 1797; King Gillette, inventor of the safety razor, Los Angeles, 1932; Barbara Woodhouse, animal trainer, Buckinghamshire, 1988.

The first Wimbledon Lawn Tennis championship was held, 1877.

Gas masks were issued to British civilians in preparation for the Second World War, 1938.

York Minster was struck by lightning which set fire to the south transept, 1984.

Dinner

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, President of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Mr Steve Gibbs, Mr Michael Hollingsworth and Professor Martin Lowson were the speakers.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr J.A.R.N. McGrigor
and Miss E.M.L. Fellowes**
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Sir Charles and Lady McGrigor, of Upper Sonachan, by Dalmally, Argyll, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Fellowes, of Inistrynich, by Dalmally, Argyll.

**Mr D.R. Blomfield
and Miss V.L. Cox**
The engagement is announced between David, son of Brigadier and Mrs Richard Blomfield, of Charlton Parva, Dorset, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Cox, of Esher, Surrey.

**Mr B.M. Calvert
and Miss T.T. Lynch**
The engagement is announced between Barry, second son of Mrs Elizabeth Calvert, of Bridport, Dorset, and the late Mr Dennis Calvert, and Tina, youngest daughter of Mr Ted Lynch, of Cork, Ireland, and the late Mrs Patricia Lynch.

**Major G.A.J. Macintosh
and Miss A.J. Groeneboom**
The engagement is announced between Major Alexander Macintosh, Welsh Guards, elder son of the Rev and Mrs A.A. Macintosh, of Cambridge, and Annelies, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F.W.J. Groeneboom, of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

**Mr M.D. Neville
and Miss P. Gilbert**
The engagement is announced between Matthew, younger son of Brigadier and Mrs David Neville, of Alton, Hampshire, and Philippa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Gilbert, of Bodmin, Cornwall.

**Mr J.E. Scott
and Ms E.J. McLeish**
The engagement is announced between Edward, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Scott, of East Grinstead, Sussex, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr H.E. Browne, of Forest Hill, London, and Mrs M.K. Browne, of Sydenham, London.

**Mr M.D. White
and Miss H. Timney**
The marriage is announced and will take place on Saturday, July 12, in the Memorial Chapel, Charterhouse, between Michael David White and Helen Timney, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.J. McKew.

Marriages

**Mr J.W.D. Bewsher
and Miss J.M. Ashby**
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 5, 1997, at St Michael's Church, Chart Sutton, Kent, of Mr Jonathan Bewsher, younger son of Colonel and Mrs Bill Bewsher, to Miss Joanna Ashby, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Ashby. The Rev David Barker officiated.

**Mr T.G. Thorp
and Miss G.C. Hobby**
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 5, at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Debenham, of Mr Timothy Geoffrey Thorp, elder son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Thorp, of Guildford, to Miss Gillian Clare Hobby, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hobby, of Framsden, Suffolk.

Latest wills

Edward William **Prigmore**, company director, of Raunds, Northamptonshire, left estate valued at £3,574,287 net.

Margaret Katherine **Gough**, of Corsley, Warminster, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £2,371,418 net.

Major John Freville Henry **Surtees**, of Wylye, Warminster, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £859,142 net.

Lady **Young**, wife of Sir Brian Young, Director General of Independent Broadcasting Authority 1970-82, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £236,869 net.

Lady **Elmhirst**, of Dummer, Hampshire, left estate valued at £186,430 net.

Dame Mary **Tyrwhitt**, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, left estate valued at £291,597 net.
She left all her decorations and honours and medals to the museum of the WRAC; £2,000 to the ATS and WRAC Benevolent Fund; £1,000 to the Society of St Augustine of Canterbury; £500 to the Catholic Fund of Great Britain.

Robert Michael Ker **Gray**, QC, of Whitchurch on Thames, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at £996,731 net.
He left his estate to his friends plus a donation to organise a concert conducted by his friend David Parry for the benefit of Dr Gore's Research Fund for Renal Cancer at the Royal Marsden Hospital. He also left funds to establish various scholarships.

Richard Ewart **Meikle**, retired solicitor, of Longhorsley, Northumberland, left estate valued at £1,878,593 net.
He left £10,000 to St Helens Church, Longhorsley, and £5,000 to the Royal Garter and Garter Home, Richmond.

Thomas Frederick **Coverdale**, of Huby, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,025,125 net.

Arthur **Marks**, of London NW11, left estate valued at £1,002,919 net.

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BIRTHS

BALGARNIE - On July 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Susan (née Jackson) and Andrew, a son, Alexander Sydney.

BEITH - On July 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Katherine (née Hampson) and Brendan, a daughter, Constance Alexandra Mary, a sister for Claudia.

CLEAR - On July 7th at The Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, to Carolyn and John, a son, Andrew Grant Douglas, a brother for Edward.

COCKELL - On July 4th at Queen Charlotte's, to Karen (née Libby) and Merrick, a daughter, Molly Constance Libby, a sister for Grace.

EARLES - On June 30th, to Jenny and Graham, a son, Robert Frederick.

GRACE - On June 28th 1997, to Philippa (née Scott-Barrett) and James, a daughter, Isabella Everoll, a sister for Henry.

GUISE - On July 6th 1997, to Catherine and Jonathan, a much loved son, William Louis James.

HETZEL - On July 1st 1997 in Cincinnati, USA, to Kate (née McCoy) and Jim, a son, Benjamin David, a brother for Zoe.

LANYON - On 2nd July, to Harriet (née Ansell) and Robert, a daughter, Jessica Mary.

LEVERICK - On June 22nd, to Susan (née McAllister) and Christopher, a son, Thomas Edgar William McAllister. Deo Gratias.

MARJORAM - On July 3rd 1997, to Sarah (née Scott) and Christopher, a daughter, Eleanor Margaret Ann.

BIRTHS

MILLARD - On July 1st, to Angela (née Singer) and Todd, a son, Alexander James, a brother for Rebecca and Jennifer.

MORAN - On July 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Isabelle and Nic, a daughter, Celine Angelique, a sister for James.

PARKER - On June 29th, to Chris and Lindsey, a son, Fraser, a wee brother for Lewis.

ROBINSON - On 23rd June 1997, to Amanda (née Rae Smith) and Mark, a son, Toby Rollo Lovell, a brother for Benjamin.

SALLABANK - On 2nd July, to Charlotte (née Iles) and Nigel, a son, Frederick Richard, a brother for Eleanor Alice and Catherine Florence.

SHAW - On July 4th, to Sarah (née Clark) and Martin, a son, Alexander Timothy Thorndike, a brother for Sophia Clair, Jonathan and William.

SPACKMAN - On July 1st, to Louise (née Bellinger) and Jeremy, a son, Thomas, brother for William and Nicholas.

VENTOM - On 1st July 1997, to Caroline (née Hill) and Mark, a son, Michael Leo.

WILKINS - On July 2nd in Newfoundland, to Michelle and Peter, a daughter, Xanthe Elizabeth, a sister for Zoe.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

PAYNE - In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Novena answered for our son Julian gaining a two one University Degree. Grateful thanks.

DEATHS

ACRES - *Dr. Geoffrey Charles* died peacefully on 3rd July. Much loved husband of Bridget and father of Michael and Peter. Funeral at St Mary's University College, Twickenham, at 10.45 am 16th July. Family *flowers* only. Donations if desired to CAFOD.

BARNES - Ethel on 7th July, aged 88. Former Church Army Sister and Parish Worker; loving and beloved friend of the late Margaret Newport. Funeral Service at Whittington College, Felbridge, at 1.45pm on 11th July with interment at Southborough Cemetery at 3pm. Donations to Cancer Research in lieu of flowers.

BELLAMIS - Margaret Rosa (Authoress) peacefully at The Carleton Nursing Home on July 6th. The funeral will take place with a Requiem Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury, Blenheim Road, Deal, on July 11th at noon.

BURRIDGE - Margaret Gwenelin (Peggy) on 5th July peacefully at Down Lodge Residential Home, Wokingham, aged 92. Dearest wife of the late Brigadier Donald Burridge CBE. Beloved mother of Michael and Ian, mother-in-law of Eileen (Val) and Sue, grandmother of Nigel, Richard, Pippa, Charlotte (deceased), James and Joanna. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of All Saints, Wokingham, on Friday 11th July at 10.45 am followed by private cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired to SSAFA Forces Help c/o David Greedy Funeral Directors, House of Grace, Dukes Ride, Crowthorne, Berkshire RG45 6DS.

COLTART - Dr. Nina. Late of Hampstead. Died Tuesday, June 24th aged 69 years, suddenly and peacefully at home. Cremation has taken place. A memorial gathering in London is planned for the autumn. Date and venue to be announced.

CONCANON - John Patrick Nigel aged 50 years, son of Ruth and the late Austin Concanon and brother of Anthony and Julian, died peacefully in Grantham Hospital on 6th July 1997. Funeral at Leadenham Church (Lincs.) on Tuesday 15th July at 2 pm. Flowers to David Holland & Son, Grantham, by noon.

DEEKS - Peter Herbert George of Shalford, Surrey, on 7th July aged 72 years. Beloved husband of Jean and devoted father to Jenny and Jonathan. Funeral Service in the Lady Chapel of Guildford Cathedral at 2.30 pm on Friday 11th July. Donations instead of flowers to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 61 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London.

DUNDAS - Isabel, wife of the late Sir Thomas Dundas Bt, on 5th July 1997. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Wiston House, Steyning, Sussex, on Monday 14th July at 2.30 pm.

ELEY - On July 7th Phyllis Mary (née Bell), beloved wife of Stanley for 59 years. Devoted mother of Paul and Stephen and grandmother of Jonathan. Funeral Service at Eltham Crematorium, SE9, on July 15th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to British Diabetic Association c/o W Uden & Sons Ltd., 64 High Street, Sidcup, Kent DA14 6DS.

FERRIS - Alice Mitchell passed away 30th June. Service Mortlake Crematorium Monday 14th July 10.30 am.

KING - Peacefully at Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh on July 5th 1997, John Ernest King, late of The Edinburgh Academy, dearly loved husband of Helen and the late Mary, beloved father of Susan, devoted and loved grandfather and proud great-grandfather. Service at Warriston Crematorium Main Chapel, Edinburgh on Thursday 10th July at 2 pm to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only. Contributions if desired to St Columba's Hospice, Edinburgh.

KOLTAI - George Leslie, died 11th June at Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield. Born 15th January 1919 Budapest, Hungary. Devoted friend of Alice Ginders and her entire family. Enquiries to: Finlay, (44-171) 720 6584.

LAMBERT - On 4th July, peacefully at her home in Petersfield, Sybil, wife of the late Charles F Lambert (Jim). Much loved mother of Janet and dear grandmother of Kathryn and Alastair. Cremation private. Memorial Service and interment of ashes at St Luke's Church, Grayshott, on Thursday 24th July at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The National Trust or Southern Orchestral Concert Society, c/o Petersfield Funeral Services.

MacGIBBON - On 4th July 1997 at Danetre Hospital, Daventry, Maureen, loving wife of Peter and daughter of Eileen Reynolds. The funeral service will be held on Friday 11th July at 9 am in St Augustines Roman Catholic Church, Daventry, followed by interment in Hayford Cemetery. Flowers or any enquiries to John Ward & Son, 20 High Street, Daventry, NN11 4HV. Tel (01327) 300033.

MARONI - David, on 8th July aged 71, peacefully at his home in Sussex, after ten years of a debilitating illness which he defied with spirit and good humour. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Joy, his four children and seven grandchildren as well as his many friends and colleagues. Private cremation and family flowers only, please.

POWELL-COTTON - Peacefully on 5th July 1997 at Shottendane Nursing Home, Margate, Antoinette (Tony Cotton), aged 83 years, of Quex Park. Service at All Saints Church, Birchington, Kent on Friday 11th July at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Cancer Care Appeal c/o Gore Brothers Ltd., 37 Addington Road, Margate, Kent, CT9 1NH, tel: (01843) 223534.

PYMAN - On July 7th 1997 Mouse aged 59, adored wife of George, much loved mother of Sarah and Edward. Service at St John's Church, Knaresborough, on Friday July 11th at 1.30 pm. Cremation private. Family flowers only please. Donations in memory to Brook Hospital for Animals, Freepost SW8002, London SW1Y 4YJ or Cancer Research, 39 East Parade, Harrogate, HG1 5LQ.

ROBERTSON - Antoinette Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Colonel and Mrs J.J. Robertson of Wick, Caithness, very peacefully in St John's Hospice, St John's Wood, on 5th July 1997, dearly beloved sister of Robert Robertson, Margaret Thurso and Kathleen Lloyd. Adored aunt and great-aunt. Funeral at St Andrew's URC, Frognal, Hampstead, at 11.30 am on Friday 18th July. Cut flowers only or donations to Imperial Cancer Research c/o Kenyon, 88 Haverstock Hill, NW3-gratefully accepted.

SCOTT - Dixie, suddenly and peacefully, on 7th July aged 94, widow of Lt. Col. S.R.G. (Robin) Scott, beloved mother of Vindo and Julia and grandmother of Simon, Guy and Marcus. Funeral at St Catherine's Church, Gosfield, at 11.30 am Monday 14th July. Enquiries (01787) 460206.

SHELDON - Dr. Geoffrey Colin passed away on July 5th 1997 in his 91st year at Wray Common Nursing Home, Reigate. Beloved husband of Evelyn and formerly of the late Zoë. Much loved father of John and Elizabeth. He will be greatly missed by his wife, his children and their families and all his friends. No flowers please. Funeral Service St Marks Church, Reigate Thursday July 10th at 3 pm.

SMAIL - Betty on July 5th, as a result of a motor accident, aged 83. Widow of Col. Trevor Smail, mother of Bridget, Susan, Adam and John-P and stepmother of Simon and much loved grandmother. Private cremation followed by Memorial Service on Tuesday July 15th, 2.30 pm at Miserden Church. No flowers please.

SMITH - "Smithy". The funeral of the late Annie Frances (Nan) of Nairn who died peacefully aged 86 at Evendine House, Colwall, Malvern, on 4th July 1997, will take place at Worcester Crematorium on Tuesday 15th July at 12.30 pm. She was much loved by family, friends and former pupils any of whom would be very welcome at the service. No flowers, but donations if wished, may be sent to The Children's Society, Edward Rudolph House, Margery Street, WC1X 0JL.

SWALLOW - Michael Asquith on July 8th, loved husband of Anne, loving father and Pafa to Mark, Suzanne and families. Memorial Service St James's Church, Riding Mill, Northumberland, on Friday July 11th at 12 noon. No flowers by request. Donations to Newcastle Stomach Ulcer and Cancer Charity c/o Mr A. Dodd, Mitford House, Hencotes, Hexham, NE46 2EW.

SYKES - E.W. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Bickington, on Thursday 17th July at 12 noon. Family flowers only. There will not be a Thanksgiving Service.

TURNER - On July 6th Christina (Kirsty) Turner J.P., aged 76 years of Dore, Sheffield, beloved wife of Henry, dear mother of Fiona, mother-in-law of David and loving grandmother of Isabel. Service at Christ Church, Dore, Monday July 14th at 3 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations payable to Friends of Beighton Centre for the Care of the Elderly may be sent to John Heath & Sons Funeral Directors, Sheffield, S4 7LS.

WALSH - James Mark, C.M.G., O.B.E., on 27th June, aged 87. Husband of Betty and father of Steven. Requiem Mass in Chapel of Holy Cross Hospital, Haslemere, Surrey, on Thursday 10th July at 11.30 am. Requiescat In Pace.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

TURNER - A Memorial Service for Lloyd Turner, former Editor of the Daily Star Newspaper, will be held at St Brides Church, Fleet Street, on Wednesday 23rd July at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

AUSTIN - Sigrid (née Adams), beloved wife of Frank (deceased) and adored mother of John, Michael, Charlotte and Peter. Remembered and treasured always but especially today, her 90th birthday.

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PROFESSOR J. Z. YOUNG

Professor J. Z. Young, FRS, zoologist and Professor of Anatomy, University College London, 1945-74, died on July 4 aged 90. He was born on March 18, 1907.

John Zachary Young, or "JZ" as he was universally known, was one of the most distinguished and influential zoologists of his day. Much of his work, including his Reith lectures, concerned the anatomical basis of various brain functions.

His career began at a time when being a zoologist meant studying animals at all levels, from the cellular to the behavioural, not forgetting their embryology, genetics and evolution. He gave vivid expression to this scope in his innovative textbooks *The Life of the Vertebrates* (1950) and *The Life of Mammals* (1957); perhaps unfortunately, the last of the trilogy was published as *An Introduction to the Study of Man* (1971). The impact of these books on undergraduates and medical students at the time was formidable.

Arguably even greater was the effect of his personality during tutorials and lectures, first as fellow and tutor at Magdalen College, Oxford, and later in London. What was the secret of his influence? It derived from a genuine, open-minded enthusiasm for the subject, together with an impatience to get on and do new things and understand more. He recognised no limits to what could and should be achieved in research and teaching.

John Zachary Young was educated at Marlborough and at Magdalen, where, holding a Demyship, he began a classically successful academic career.

On graduating in zoology, he went as the 1928-29 Oxford Scholar to the zoological station in Naples, where he rediscovered the giant nerve fibres of the squid (the discovery had been made originally by L. W. Williams in 1909). These fibres are so large that they later enabled the 1963 Nobel prizewinners A. L. Hodgkin and A. F. Huxley to insert an electrode inside the nerve to measure ionic flux during rest and activity. The propagation of an action potential was explained in terms of ionic conductance changes — results of fundamental importance. During the Second World War, Young remained in Oxford to lead a group doing research into the mechanisms of degeneration and repair of injured nerve fibres, and in 1945, at the remarkably early age of 38, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.

In the same year he was invited to head the Anatomy Department at University College London, being preferred to "Solly" Zuckerman. This upset the hidebound anatomists of London and the medical fraternity generally, since the appointment of a professor of anatomy who was not medically qualified was considered unthinkable. A small group manoeuvred for the appointment to be thrown out by the Academic Council of the University. It was: but University College was determined, and JZ was persuaded to apply formally. This time the innovators were more skilled. The appointment was finally confirmed at the end of 1945, though it was accompanied by a shower of protesting letters, some of them quite scurrilous, in *The Times* and various medical journals.

The row rumbled on into the early 1950s, but by then JZ had begun transforming a moribund department into the major research and teaching centre for anatomy and cell biology that he left behind when he retired in 1974. Needless to say, his innovations had by then become widely imitated and admired, not just in London but internationally.

In his department, JZ promoted many kinds of research, especially on nervous systems. His own work was primarily anatomical, since he maintained — unfashionably — that understanding of the mechanisms of brains could not progress without a sound structural basis. This stance helped to rescue classical anatomy from its morbid background.

In 1947, with help from the Nuffield Foundation, he returned to Naples. His primary intention was to use the lobular organisation of the octopus's brain to explore the specialised functions of each lobe. In particular, he sought a neural basis for the mechanisms of memory. An early summary of his work and thoughts was given as the BBC Reith lectures for 1950, *Doubt and Certainty in Science*.

In succeeding years he returned every summer to Naples. He also published many papers and books, among them *The Anatomy of the Nervous System of Octopus Vulgaris* (1971) and *Philosophy and the Brain* (1987).

The diversity and magnitude of his achievements leave a great many people around the world in his debt. This debt was partially acknowledged by many honours and marks of recognition, among them a Royal Medal of the Royal Society (1967), an honorary DSc from Oxford (1979) and, rare for a scientist, an honorary fellowship of the British Academy.

During his retirement JZ continued to work on cephalopods, and returned to the Plymouth Marine Laboratory to follow up his very earliest research, on the autonomic nervous system of bony fish, as well as producing new editions of his textbooks. At the time of his death he was working on an entirely new book (with Marion Nixon), to be called *The Brains and Lives of Cephalopods*.

Young married first Phyllis Heaney, who died in 1987, and then Raymonde Parsons. She survives him, with a son and a daughter from his first marriage and a daughter from his second.

LEN POUNTNEY

Len Pountney, hair transplant pioneer, died in Bournemouth on July 1 aged 84. He was born in London on February 6, 1913.

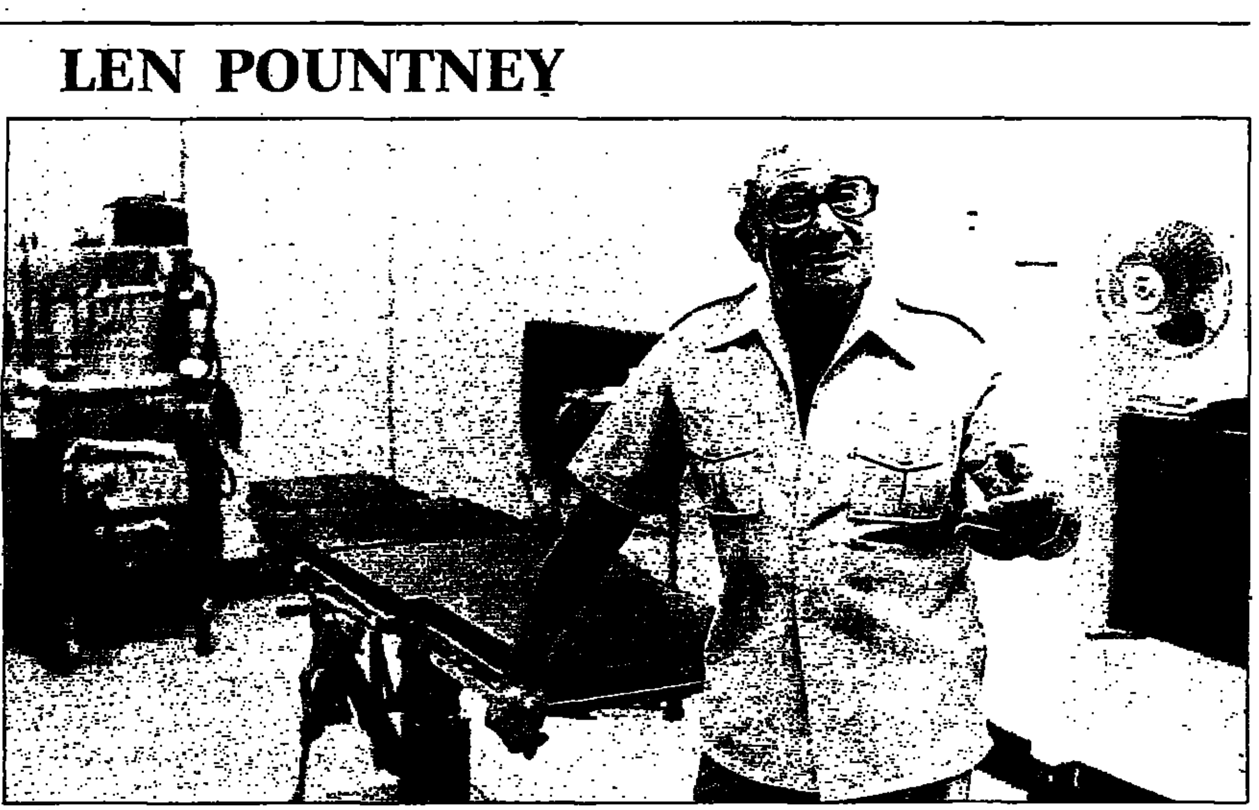
POP STARS, actors, foreign monarchs and even the more narcissistic breed of Labour MP were to be profoundly glad of Len Pountney's ability to repair the ravages of old age and disguise time's inevitable erosion of the human features. Many was the young woman out for a night at the palais de dance who was not to know that her apparently mustachioed and suave young partner was, in fact, a well-known businessman, past the prime of life and famed for his pink and bloated features and generous ration of secondary and tertiary chins.

Starting in a modest way as a hairdresser, Pountney graduated to trichology and later to plastic surgery, creating the Pountney clinic, whose familiar newspaper advertisements held out the promise of eternal youth. Although he effectively retired twenty years ago, the famous clinic in West London is still in the family.

The Shah of Iran was among Poutney's most celebrated clients. The aim was to transform him after his downfall from a haggard and greying sexagenarian with receding and thinning hair into a dapper forty-year-old whose own mother would not have recognised him. Roman nose, wrinkles and furrowed brow were all to be consigned to the dustbin, while the prominent brown eyes would be transformed into the piercing blue of Nordic man, through the skilful use of contact lenses. In fact the Shah fell ill from cancer soon after going into exile and this ambitious manifesto could never be carried through to a conclusion.

The reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes was another Pountney project, changing his appearance several times after visits by the master of disguise to his Park Lane hotel suite. Cheek padding, hair pieces, false eyebrows and plastic moulds on the nose knocked twenty years off the famously wrinkled visage, prompting its owner to ask Pountney: "You wouldn't happen to have some sex pills on you, too?"

For fun, Pountney even worked his magic on himself on occasions, tranforming his bespectacled "English professional" features into something more rugged and transatlantic.



Pountney ready for duty in his clinic in Hounslow, West London

A Londoner through and through, Pountney was born in Islington. In his youth he was an accomplished sportsman, becoming diving champion of London in 1922 and making it to the ABA semi-finals before giving up boxing at 21. The career which was to make his fortune did not occur to him until after the Second World War, during which he was an Army PT instructor.

After demobilisation he was inspired by a magazine article about the craft of the 18th-century wigmakers, to sink his capital of £300 in a barber's shop in Hounslow. In an austere postwar climate which was not in favour of undue adornment of the male person, he created permanent-wave and blow-wave hairstyles for men and advertised them in hairdressing periodicals. Two of these, the Be-bop and the DA (Duck's Arse), promptly became internationally known, and Pountney was soon in demand to stage hairdressing shows in Europe's capitals.

He eventually outgrew the small barber's shop and in 1958 founded the Harley Street Hair Clinic, where he began to specialise in hair transplants. Yet he was eventually to move back to Hounslow (convenient for Heathrow Airport and consequently a constant procession of wealthy visitors from overseas). There his establishment's operations soon expanded to cover all forms of cosmetic surgery.

The notion of disguise, for which he was to work up a huge clientele, dated from the Fifties when a pop star complained to him about his lack of privacy. Wigs, moustaches and other external aids were added to hair transplants, as a means of altering appearance. Pountney could boast the Great Train Robbers among his clients, and on one occasion a grateful customer claimed that he had evaded detection in a police identification line-up after a visit to the Pountney clinic. Pountney was glad to hear that the man had gone "straight", after this deliverance.

The Pountney clinic — as did others that followed its lead — had its critics over the years, but Pountney was always honest with his customers about what a hair transplant could achieve in any specific situation.

The services he tried to render to the exiled Shah were widely reported at the time to have drawn threats from Iranian terrorists. Whatever the truth of this, from the 1980s onwards Poutney had a less "hands-on" involvement in the business, the day-to-day running of which was taken on by his son Roy. Len Pountney retired to Bournemouth, but until a few years ago he continued to hold weekly consultations at the clinic.

He is survived by his wife Frances and his son.

ANDRE HARRIS

André Harris, French documentary film-maker, died in Paris on June 8 aged 63. He was born in Nevers on July 13, 1933.

THE leading documentary-maker André Harris was an iconoclast in his approach to contemporary French history. He probed where others backed off, and this did not always suit the tightly controlled French state television network, the *Office de Radiodiffusion Television Française*, as it was known in the 1960s. In 1969, Harris and the director Marcel Ophuls produced *Le Chagrin et la Pitié*, a detailed, four-hour account for television of life in Vichy France.

It was not a flattering portrait of the times. It juxtaposed black-and-white archive footage from the war — some from Paris, some from the provincial city of Clermont Fercaand — with the testimony of those who lived through the events. It showed the wide public support for Marshal Pétain, the Vichy leader, and did not flinch from admitting the extent of collaboration with the Germans.

This theme ran counter to the postwar Gaullist line that the Resistance movement had been very widespread. The state television board banned the film as unpatriotic, and it was not shown on French television for a further 12 years, becoming in the process a *cause célèbre*.

This was the first time French film-makers had faced some of the darker aspects of the war. Harris said at the time that he and his generation wanted to know what had really taken place under the Germans. The film had a humble premiere in the Studio St Andrew des Arts, a Left Bank *art et essai* cinema, and then on German and Swiss television, before finally being allowed onto French television in 1981.

A dubbed version had an art-house success in Britain, around Europe and in America, where Woody Allen gave it a plug in one of his movies. "You must see *Sorrow and Pity*," he told his film entourage. The film was a big step in France's slow process of facing up to the Vichy past, which has recently led to books on the wartime role of former President François Mitterrand.

André Harris began his career as a diplomatic correspondent on French radio in 1960. As political editor on state television from 1963 to 1968, he was responsible for a number of fine documentaries about social issues.

However, the shockwaves from *Le Chagrin et la Pitié* led to his exclusion from state television in 1968, a "sentence" that was to last for 13 years. His next work, in 1972, did not please the Gaullist powers either. *Français, si vous saviez* ("French, if you only knew") was an ambitious seven-hour series covering 50 years of French history, from the trenches of the First World War to the Algerian War of the 1950s and 1960s. The theme was the breakdown of France's national consensus.

Harris was back on state television in 1981, the year the Socialists under Mitterrand won power, and soon showed that his rebellious instinct was undimmed. He introduced a Saturday night "Right of Reply" show: a noisy slanging match between journalists and politicians which delighted half the country and scandalised the other half. He sought major reforms within French television and an end to what he called its "inward-looking and isolationist" nature. He lasted a year before being shot down, as much by his colleagues as by politicians. A job was found for him running France Media International, selling French programmes abroad.

Harris was a burly man with a habitually wry expression, who shunned Paris society and dinner parties, and who liked to shock with his outspokenness. He was a kind of lone ranger for many years within the state audiovisual system.

He worked closely for two decades with another independent producer, Alain de Sedouy. The two men also produced a number of successful, investigative books. Among these were works on the French Communist Party, French employers and the right wing in France. His last book, published this year, is a biting social study of his compatriots.

In recent years, Harris had flourished again on television by becoming programme director of the cultural channel La Sept, in 1989, and then occupying the same post at the Franco-German channel Arte, the only bi-national, bi-lingual channel of its kind in Europe — and one to which the Bonn and Paris governments are heavily committed.

He is survived by his wife and two sons.

ON THIS DAY

July 9, 1928

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LORD'S

Of all the memories of Home which pull at the heartstrings of Englishmen in exile none, perhaps, is felt by so many or pulls harder than the memory of Lord's. To each, of course, there is his own private vision, conjured up by reminiscence of his own youth and his own "people". It may be a vision of English lane and tangled hedgerow, of the village church with its yews and crumbling tombstones, or of some lawn of ancient turf, tree-shaded, edged with bright flower-beds. Or it may be a statelier vision of parklands and clustered trees, of stable and kennel and gunroom and the hot smell of ripe fruit in the walled garden. Scots pines and dark heather; open downs with bright grass rippling in the wind; some secret cove where waves come tumbling over broken rocks; a stretch of trout-stream in the still of evening ... The background has long since faded but these glimpses, these silhouettes, grow ever more vivid and seem to hold within themselves the significance of half a life and of everything that is Home. If these, the dearest memories of all, are peculiar and individual to each, others, only less intimate, are shared in common by many — visions of School and College, of great ceremonies and public places and, especially, of London.

To all alike there is something precious in the memory of London: of its theatres, its shops, its parks and those streets about St. James's and Mayfair which, when, as now, the Season is at its height, have, in spite of crowds and turmoil, a distinction and a restfulness not matched in any capital in the world. To many Epsom or Ascot calls, to others Henley and the quiet reaches of the River: but to more than all these combined is the appeal of Lord's. This week the hearts of a million Englishmen in all corners of the globe are turning longingly to the famous cricket ground. It is not necessary that a man should have been at Oxford or Cambridge, at Eton or Harrow. If he was not, friends of his boyhood were; and it is to Lord's that the returned exile goes eagerly, sure that the hours there will be fruitful of meetings with old acquaintances, grown now, perhaps, to Members of Parliament, King's Counsel, or Archdeacons .. There is a beauty also, peculiar to it, in the scene itself; in the soothing expanse of turf with the white figures dotted in mid-field, ringed round with the thousands moved by the same emotion. And it is English as nothing else, perhaps is English: the greatest of all games, played in the best of settings and in the finest spirit.

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Irish jokes, it seems, are no longer politically correct

Wanted: a minority safe to poke fun at

It's official. The Commission for Racial Equality has pronounced the Irish in Britain an oppressed ethnic minority. Irish jokes, it seems, are a form of racial harassment. I need no persuading, having found the award-laden *Father Ted* a joke at the expense of the dim Irish and twittering celibates.

The commission spent £50,000 on a study to flesh out what everybody knows — that in Britain "a voice with an Irish accent" does not instantly conjure up happy pictures of Henry Kelly, Terry Wogan or Dr Anthony Clare. Anyway, no one is laughing now. The past weekend provided fresh examples that the island of Ireland, whatever its other blessings, has the misfortune to be in the northwest corner of Europe where the conflicting religious traditions of North and South are jammed up against each other like two plates of the Earth's crust.

BRENDA MADDOX

So who can we laugh at? Not the Scots. As a leader in *The Times* last week pointed out, the Scottish accent, thanks to *Dr Finlay's Casebook* et al, is associated with good doctors. The Germans and French aren't funny any more. Nor are fat ladies, nor gays, nor dwarfs, nor imbeciles, nor mothers-in-law: in all cases politically incorrect, all are entitled to the right not to be stereotyped.

My suggestion? The Welsh. They are a safe bet because they have the essential requirements: natural wit, thick skins and, since the Post Office has removed the "p" from new postage stamps to satisfy the Welsh Language Board's plea that the Welsh word for pence begins with a "c" (for *ceiniog*), no outstanding grievance.

As some readers of this column may remember, I have no great enthusiasm for expensive attempts to prolong artificially the life of ancient languages. I have heard of a conference in Cardiff where someone had to be found to translate from Finnish into Welsh. Should independence follow devolution, and Catalonia, as it is rumoured, seek independent entry to the European Community, think what lies ahead. Earphones all round.

The new age of ethnicity, foretold by Professor Samuel Huntington, of Harvard, in a speech to the Harvard Club of London last week, raises infinite new possibilities for putting your foot in it. At a café in the Welsh Borders recently I sounded off intemperately about schoolroom signs in that totally English-speaking area teaching pupils the Welsh words for simple common nouns. "How much better off they'd be learning French and German," I declaimed, noticing too late the reddening face of the young man from BBC Wales opposite. He took issue.

He loved the Welsh language as he loved the Welsh countryside. His love was all the deeper — *deep*-er, — he continued sonorously, because he knew the name of every flower and every bird in his, and his land's, own language. I apologised, not adequately, for treading on his sensibilities out of my own prejudices (learnt at my Welsh mother-in-law's knee).

Then he leant forward and grinned. "Do you know the difference between the Italian Mafia and the Welsh Taffia?" he asked. "The Mafia make you an offer you can't refuse, and the Taffia make you an offer you can't understand."

Can the Orangemen make a joke like that about their most heartfelt beliefs? If only it were so. The ability of the Welsh to laugh at themselves was shown several years ago when they enjoyed even more than the rest of Britain *The Old Devils*, Kingsley Amis's savage satire on their fleshly foibles. BBC Wales investigated the phenomenon of national self-mockery once in an amusing documentary called *Dai Laughing*.

What would make Wales smile most of all is to make an impact on the national television networks in some form other than on-offs such as *Cardiff Singer of the Year*. But the trend could go the other way. HTV's lingering Welshness will fade now that what used to be known as Harlech Television (or the Richard Burton franchise) has been sold to a much larger ITV company, United News and Media, which also owns Meridian and Anglia.

Meanwhile, BBC Wales struggles to make its dramatic mark in the gritty manner of its fellow Celts who pull in big audiences with *Cracker*, *Hamish Macbeth* and *Ballykissangel*. BBC Wales's recent drama series — *Drover's Gold* — has been only a moderate success on BBC1. Great hopes are riding on *Tiger Bay*, an eight-part serial set in Cardiff, which begins on BBC1 on July 21. The producer Glenda Jones promises a new vision of Wales — multiracial, urban, dockland local rubbing shoulders with yuppie professional — and not a sheep, a miner or a male-voice choir in sight.

Yet the fear lingers that there is a national prejudice against the Welsh that is no joke: Neil Kinnock, it is believed, did not get the job he wanted because of his accent. Against that must be set the growing popularity of the Welsh language, and evidence of its usefulness. William Hague has proved that an Englishman *can* advance his career prospects by joining the Taffia and learning Welsh.

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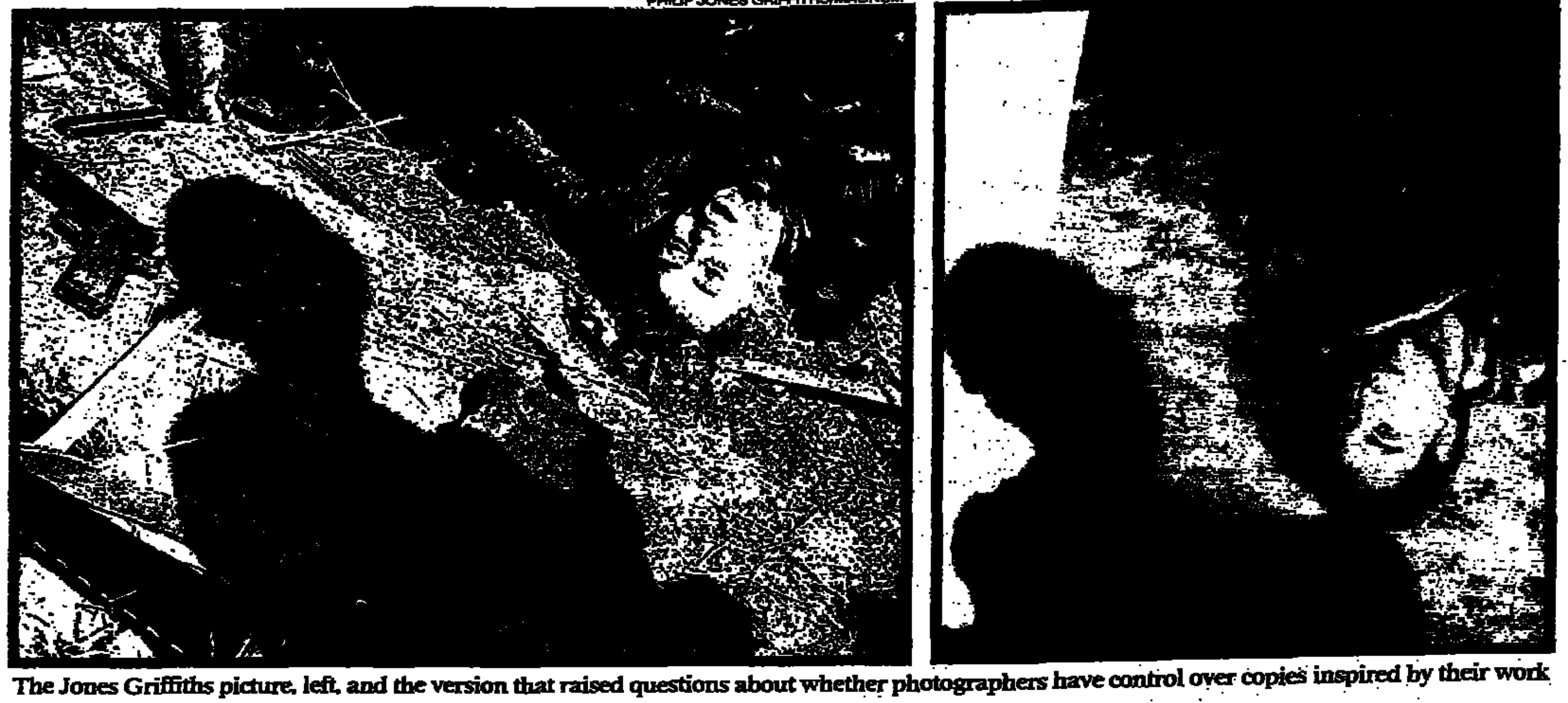

The Jones Griffiths picture, left, and the version that raised questions about whether photographers have control over copies inspired by their work

War of words over Army ad

Saatchi's use of a virtual copy of a photograph in a campaign has backfired, reports Tessa Mayes

A row between advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi and Magnum, the photographic agency, has ended in a truce. The latter has accepted a financial settlement after a row over a photograph used for a British Army recruitment campaign.

Saatchi, which holds the Army's account, had asked to use a photograph by Philip Jones Griffiths — one of Magnum's leading war photographers — of a dead soldier in Vietnam. Mr Jones Griffiths, a pacifist, declined. But his photograph was then recreated, using computers to impose a model's head on the torso.

In January, the ad appeared in *Loaded* magazine — whose readership is one of the target audiences for the British Army's recruitment campaign, aimed at 16 to 24-year-olds — bearing the message: "Dead or alive. How can you be sure?"

The ad was part of an award-winning recruitment campaign and was aimed at potential officers to sell the idea that soldiering involves brains as well as brawn, with the focus on decision-making.

Yet the use of the image for the campaign has caused offence and led to a war of words over whether a photographer has any claim to images inspired by his work.

Jeremy Pyne, group account director at Saatchi, says: "The photographer felt we were infringing his rights, we felt we didn't."

Photographs are often touched up or used to inspire advertising creative people. The problem is deciding whether there has been an infringement of copyright. In this case, there was deemed to be one because the final image bore a striking resemblance to the original photograph.

To Mr Jones Griffiths, money was not the main issue. "I'm showing the effects of war, photography is good at that, and I have a reputation as a pacifist," he says. "If you took a baby picture and found it in a magazine for paedophiles, you'd be angry." As a result, the settlement also includes damages for libel.

Magnum values its reputation as a humanitarian organisation, although its 50 or so individual photographers have differing views about the use of their work for promoting the Armed Forces — photos by Gilles Peress were used in the Army poster campaign last year.

One Magnum employee says some photographers who cover war zones feel strongly about securing the political context in which their work is presented. But, he adds: "I'm sure the British Army is not saying it is pro-war."

Indeed, the Army's public image today highlights its role as one of peacekeeping abroad. Saatchi was paid £1 million three years ago to relaunch the recruitment drive. Out went the old PR image of soldiers as adventurous action men. Instead, Saatchi presented soldiers as ethical, thinking people who can find themselves dealing with natural disasters or solving disputes between rival military factions abroad.

> Pictures are often touched up or used for inspiration

The Army's campaign has focused on the idea that soldiers are humanitarian warriors. This week, Saatchi spearheads a new campaign aimed at school leavers.

The Ministry of Defence has been grappling with the problem of recruitment for years. The Army's image suffered a setback when three soldiers were found guilty of sexually assaulting and murdering Louise Jensen in Cyprus last year.

Another image problem is that cutbacks in employment have caused job insecurity within the ranks. The Army's overall strength fell from 145,000 to 116,000 under the 1992 *Options for Change* programme.

Saatchi has responded by re-emphasising the benefits of a career in the Army, pointing out the high quality of training and good salary. It is also portrayed as an extraordinary lifestyle.

Presenting the Army as a modern institution, one relevant to young people's aspirations, is also essential, says Mr Pyne.

Many young people want to travel the world and do good works, and they often join aid agencies and environmental and human rights organisations. The Army is keen to attract such people, hence the message that soldiers help people to rebuild their lives.

Has the new ethic won young hearts and minds? Traditionalists point out that the Army, unlike the Red Cross, still has to prepare its recruits for more offensive pursuits, such as shooting.

Ad executives must also show that the Army still retains traditional values such as discipline. A TV commercial called *Enemy Base* concentrates on soldiers deciding which weaponry to use at night, rather than on the human beings who are the targets. Soldiers have to be multiskilled and prepared for the unexpected since there is no clear-cut enemy. One day they may be fighting in their role as global policemen; the next, they may be mapping the location of landmines. In short, soldiers are expected to be fit, adequately educated and to attain moral standards.

Photographers such as Mr Jones Griffiths are not convinced by the new peacekeeping philosophy. "I'm sure that Belgian soldiers joined up because they were told they'd teach little Somalis to speak French; instead they roasted them over a fire. I have a sense of right and wrong. It's my shining beacon."

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Chris Ayres and **Jason Nissé** on the pattern of journalists' pay; and **Peter Foster** on freelancing

Hold the pay packet

Mark Twain, when asked why he went into journalism, said he couldn't find an honest job. In his day, the profession was well respected and well paid. Even in the early 1980s, someone fresh out of university might have been tempted into journalism by the prospect of boozy four-hour lunches, free press trips abroad, fat expense accounts and high salaries.

In those days starting salaries in journalism were double the national average. But this has all changed. More than 800 graduates try to break into the profession every year, and salaries have come tumbling down, with some newspapers filling their newsdesks with student journalists on unpaid work experience or low-paid freelances. National newspaper trainees earn between £12,000 and £17,000, and competition for places is cut-throat. Most graduates end up paying for their own training.

The lucky few who manage to push themselves into national newspaper journalism will be disappointed to find their expense accounts now cover only the cost of a Big Mac. Worse, drinking at lunchtime is reserved strictly for those who do not have to worry about keeping their jobs, or the newsroom alcoholics who swig whisky out of cola bottle.

If you made it to the top of the tree, you could now expect to have a fairly competitive wage. Section editors on national newspapers can expect to earn upwards of £60,000, with most editors earning more than £150,000. David Montgomery, the chief executive of the Mirror Group, last year raked in £581,000 and recently made £780,000 selling his share options. Montgomery started out as a sub-editor on the *Daily Mirror* and later became editor of the *News of the World* and *Today*.

Graduates who went into local or regional newspaper journalism 15 years ago would also have been attracted by high pay, a degree of local celebrity, and status. Some trainees would have been paid about £6,000, which in those days was in line with most trainee accountancy, banking and teaching jobs. *Those who ended up as* editors will today earn up to £50,000, plus bonuses and share options.

Local newspaper trainees now get paid a lot less in real terms than they used to. Salaries can start at £6,000, rising to £8,000 for the better jobs. Trainees on regional newspapers can earn up to £11,000, although competition is tough and places are likely to be filled by only the brightest of graduates.

As the table below shows, compared with accountancy, banking and commercial management, journalism now seems a far less wise choice of career in financial terms than it was 15 years ago. And while young journalists may comfort themselves with the thought that at least their jobs are rather more fun and glamorous, those approaching middle-age, with mortgages to pay and families to support, may be beginning to wonder whether the trade-off was worth it.

The Front Page story: gone are the days when being a journalist was all about big money, booze and being ahead of the pack

How much are your words worth?

THE INCOME of a freelance journalist, much like a professional footballer, depends on which division you play in. Big names of the premier league can easily earn £1,000 for an afternoon turning opinions for the *Daily Mail*. Lesser writers hawk their wares round local papers and off-beat magazines for a pitiful £30 or £50.

Even writing for a national newspaper will not guarantee the kind of money that new conservatories and loft-extensions are made of. Contributors to *The Guardian* met recently at a Soho restaurant to discuss the paper's freelance rates. The writer of a 1,000-word feature *can expect to be paid only £150-£170 and* to forfeit syndication rights.

The *Guardian* has long traded on an unspoken understanding that writing for the paper is a vocational activity like nursing and social working, except the latter are better paid. Admittedly the paper pays its best freelancers more than the mininum rate. Indeed, the *Weekend* section will pay as much as £1,500 for a celebrity interview, and top writers for the section are among the highest paid freelancers on Fleet Street.

Aside from these chosen few, *The Independent* pays better than *The Guardian* on the basic scale — about £200 per thousand words. However, bigger money is on offer at mid-market tabloids.

National newspapers operate in a *small but fiercely competitive* market. A top name interviewer can command £900-£1,000 at *The Daily Telegraph* and up to £1,300 at *The Express* and *Mail*. Those less in demand but with a good reputation and able to turn their hand to any subject at short notice might make £700 at the *Mail*, £500 at the *Telegraph* and *Express* and £250 at *The Times* for a single feature.

Rates fall dramatically for other parts of the paper. Jobbing writers without any specialist expertise who contribute to motoring, arts, education or travel pages can earn £150-£450 for an 800-word lead. On local papers rates drop even further starting as low as £50 for a 400-word travel article. Short book and theatre reviews attract comparable *amounts, while big-name review*ers are paid handsomely.

The editorial pages, largely populated by politicians, media-wise academics and top columnists, are significantly more rewarding than features. Although papers such as *The Times*, *The Telegraph* or *The Guardian* can trade on the kudos of publication in the comment section, top columnists with saleable names are the best paid writers on any paper. Lesser known guest writers on the "oped" pages, such as jobbing academics with a specialism, will earn tiny amounts by comparison. Approximate rates are £250-£500 at *The Times*, £600-£800 at the *Telegraph*, £1,500 at the *Mail* and £1,000 at the *Express*. Again, *Guardian* and *Independent* rates are lower.

But the market leader in offering kudos instead of cash has long been *The Spectator*, which, until recently, paid contributors a flat £100.

WHO EARNS WHAT?

JOURNALISM	
National newspapers	
Graduate trainee 15yrs ago	£11,000
Grad. trainee today	£12,000-£17,000
Senior journalist 15yrs ago	£30,000
Snr journalist today	up to £65,000
Editor today	£150,000 plus
Regional newspapers	
Grad. trainee 15yrs ago	up to £6,000
Grad. trainee today	up to £11,000
Snr. journalist today	up to £30,000
Editor today	£40,000-£50,000
Magazines	
Grad. trainee 15yrs ago	c £8,000
Grad. trainee today	£12,000-£13,000
Staff writer 15yrs ago	£12,000
Staff writer today	£15,000-£16,000
Editor today	up to £100,000
ACCOUNTANCY	
Grad. trainee 15yrs ago	c £5,100
Grad. trainee today	c £16,000
Audit mgr, lge firm, today	c £29,000
Financial director, industry, today	up to £150,000
BANKING	
Grad. trainee 15yrs ago	c £4,900
Grad. trainee today	up to £27,000
Corporate finance advisor today	£43,500-£61,300
City foreign exchange dealer today	£63,300-£100,000
City chief dealer	£135,400-£156,900
MANAGEMENT	
Grad. trainee 15yrs ago	up to £6,000
Grad. trainee today	up to £17,000
Chairmn, lge co, today	c £290,000
Director, blue chip company, today	c £400,000
TEACHING	
New graduate 15yrs ago	£5,000
New graduate today	£13,000
Head teacher of large primary school 15yrs ago	£15,000.
Head teacher of large primary school today	£30,900-£37,800
Head teacher of large secondary school 15yrs ago	£27,000
Head teacher of a large secondary school today	£44,200-£56,000
CIVIL SERVICE	
Grad. trainee 15yrs ago	c £6,000
Grad. trainee today	£12,000, or £14,000 on fast-track
Permnt Secretary 15yrs ago:	£45,500
Perm Sec today	up to £158,000

THE LISTENER

THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Edible cover girl

READING the doggedly cool style mag *Dazed & Confused* these days can leave you feeling just that. The latest wheeze was for the delicious model **Helena Christensen** to adorn the front cover. The magazine excitedly hyped the fact that the cover would be literally edible. However, after a few problems with the rice paper concoction which was to constitute the cover, and fears that some fools might attempt to eat the entire magazine, the idea was ditched and instead Helena will appear, apparently completely naked, with a scratch-card style bar-code across her chest.

Christensen: bar-coded

However, she will only appear naked under the bar-codes on a portion of the print run and some newsagents are expecting chaos in their stores as lascivious types attempt to scratch before they buy.

Jacko's back

Jackson: fresh talks

MICHAEL JACKSON arrived in London for his first Wembley concert tonight with a new spin doctor. Tarak Ben Ammar, his manager since January and the man who persuaded him to pose with his baby for *OK!*, has launched a new media offensive in the wake of Jacko's two marriages and accusations of child molestation. Ammar says he is going to do something revolutionary: he will talk to the press.

"His relationship with the press was totally mishandled," says Ben Ammar of Jackson's former entourage. "How they dealt with allegations could have been made easier — all they had to do was talk to the press. One of my missions is to say the truth. I am for the mystery of the star — people like to keep a certain dream. But I am also for talking." Jacko is not expected on the *Today* programme just yet.

Jarring note

AT THE launch of the BBC's annual report **John Birt**, the Director-General, tried to make the loss of **Chris Evans**, the phenomenally successful breakfast show host, sound like a triumph. Radio 1 had "offered a truly *distinctive* music policy, from jungle to techno, from hip-hop to Britpop and said goodbye to the DJ who didn't like Fridays", he smirked. Nice try.

SLAPS on the back in The Archers *studio for Trevor Harrison, who plays lovable rogue Eddie Grundy, who has just arrived back from a holiday in Rhodes where he secretly married his girlfriend Annette Owen. "It was the second time round for both of us and we didn't even tell our families until afterwards. All the cast were delighted but a few have been insisting that it's not too late for a stag night."*

When Sunday comes

PAPER ROUND
Bridget Harrison

I live in a house of five girls — three journalists, a lawyer and a PhD student, all aged 25-28. We are young, ambitious, have no dependents, and spend our disposable income on holidays, clothes, home furnishings and gadgets — and we read the Sunday papers.

Each week we buy all seven papers and lug them home for an afternoon of idle reading. They start as a tempting, pristine pile on the kitchen table, and end up a confused mass of sections and pull-outs strewn all over the floor. On Monday morning, I heave them into the bin, and wonder what part of them, if any, we managed to take in.

Before we begin reading, we strip the papers down to a manageable size. Into the bin go appointments, business, sport, property and money. Travel follows — we don't like reading about other people in exotic places.

Book reviews are also discarded — too many biographies and not enough fiction. We would rather read reviews of books we have already read than those we are unlikely to buy. This week most book sections led with a review of Timothy Garton Ash's *The File*, I felt tempted to save the reviews to consult once I had read the book, then I might find them interesting.

Alan de Botton's "Literary Life" in *The Sunday Telegraph Review* which described a row over a parody of Jostein Gaarder's *Sophie's World*, called *Anne-Sophie's World* did grab our attention. We had read the book and were intrigued by Alan de Botton's perspective. A column by an author on his or her favourite novels would make ideal Sunday reading.

We usually start with the news pages. I skim the news stories that have already been covered in the week, and focus on the quirkier articles.

The Sunday Telegraph's "Schools ban Japanese computer pets" — about children feeling real bereavement at the death of their Tamagotchi virtual pets — was fascinating. Would we be so soft-hearted over a toy? While its "Timetable set for the brave new world", told us of the mad inventions that would soon become reality. "Perfect for dinner party chat," commented one flatmate.

Better still was *The Independent*'s "Dublin muggers bring terror to the streets with blood-filled syringes" about muggers who use HIV filled syringes to threaten their victims. We hoped the idea wouldn't spread. Stories like these are what the Sunday papers should be all about. News that makes us comment, wave the pages at each other and say "Have you seen this?"

In contrast, the focus and features pages were disappointing. All devoted pages to topics we had already seen on television — Camilla, William Hague, Hong Kong — hadn't they been discussed enough?

Better were investigations which applied current news to real life. *The Telegraph's* "Ross Reeves doesn't work, doesn't want to work and won't be starting now, thanks", was an interview with an 18-year-old who vowed that Gordon Brown wouldn't get him to work. "Genes vs Reason in Portadown" in *The Independent* also presented the human side of the news: residents gave their own despairing views on the Orangemen marches.

Much to our shame, the comment pages remained *conspicuously untouched*. Instead, the magazines and supplements begged attention. *The Sunday Times Style* had the most readable pieces, and its "Sea Change" fashion outshone all others. Other magazine features were simply too long, or looked too boring to begin.

We are a tough group to target. We are cynical and easily bored; we flick rather than digest, criticise before we praise, and like novels more than papers. But if our desire for original and unusual news stories, shorter features and stunning pictures were met, the Sunday papers would become a joy to read.

THE SUNDAY LEAGUE

Best Reads

"Schools ban Japanese computer pets", by Jonathan Petre: *The Sunday Telegraph*

"Genes vs reason in Portadown", by Rian Malan: *Independent on Sunday*

"Dublin muggers bring terror to the streets with blood-filled syringes", by Alan Murdoch: *Independent on Sunday*

"Timetable set for the brave new world", by Jo Knowsley: *The Sunday Telegraph*

"Pretoria plot to kill blacks with poison T-Shirts", by Andrew Malone: *The Sunday Times*

"A sense of betrayal", by Jonathan Dimbleby: *The Sunday Times*

"Last picture show for Hollywood legends", by Jonathan Gee: *The Observer*

"Scenes from a scriptwriter's life", Rob Long's Diary: *The Observer*

Wastes of Space

"How many tears have to fall?", Julia Llewellyn Smith: *The Sunday Telegraph*

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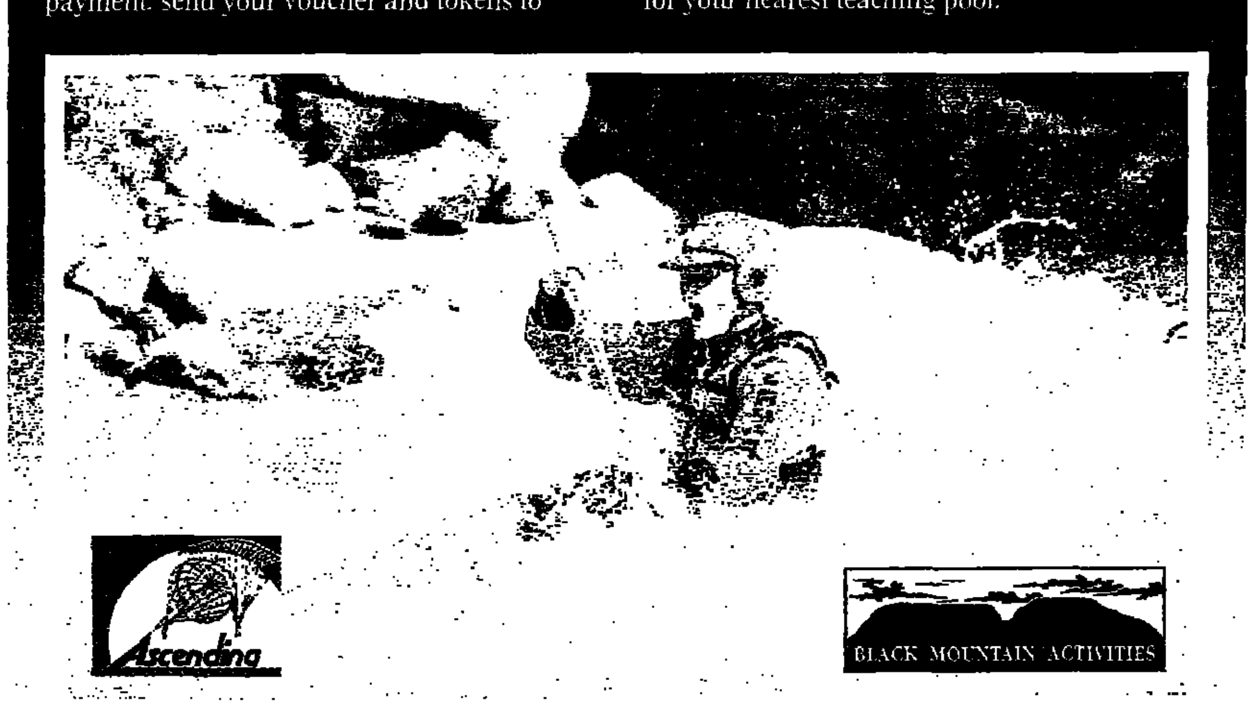

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NEWS

BA threat to end strikers' perks

■ British Airways cabin staff who join the 72-hour strike due to start this morning will lose perks and promotion for three years — and face a lockout after the stoppage unless they promise to work normally.

The threat came as the airline prepared to cancel half of today's 330 scheduled flights from Heathrow and Gatwick. Similar cancellations will follow tomorrow and on Friday, and the TGWU is expected to call more strikes .... **Pages 1, 18**

Bank interest rate rise 'inevitable'

■ More increases in interest rates to control consumer demand appeared inevitable after a surge in inflation last month. The Bank of England is expected to raise rates by at least a further quarter point, to 6.75 per cent, tomorrow, adding £14 a month to an average £50,000 mortgage .... **Pages 1, 19, 25**

Mute Mandela

They no longer make any secret of their affection for each other, but as Nelson Mandela arrived in London for a visit he was coy about whether he will marry Graca Machel .... **Page 1**

Anti-sleaze move

Ministers, civil servants, police, magistrates and judges could face jail or a fine if they seek advantage from their position, Lord Nolan proposes .... **Pages 1, 10**

Mowlam in trouble

Mo Mowlam faced criticism from nationalists after a leaked government memo showed that ministers had resigned themselves to forcing the Drumcree parade through a Roman Catholic area weeks ago .... **Page 2**

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Josie Russell, who was left for dead in the brutal assault that killed her mother and younger sister, has at last been able to tell police what happened....... **Page 3**

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The mother of the boy who became the third victim of the school bus crash in the French Alps arrived just in time to be at his hospital bedside in Grenoble as he died .... **Page 5**

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Drama schools were criticised for failing to train young actors in Shakespeare and the classical dramatists .... **Pages 6, 19, 32**

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Late-night drinks enjoyed by President Clinton and Tony Blair in a Madrid hotel room helped to forge an impregnable partnership that persuaded other Nato leaders to reach an agreement on alliance expansion ..... **Pages 1, 13**

Old age fears

Fears that thousands of elderly people living in residential and nursing homes may be getting poor value for money have prompted an Office of Fair Trading inquiry................ **Pages 11, 26**

Nairobi chaos

Nairobi appeared to be heading for another bout of violence after opposition groups vowed to march on President Moi's official residence in an attempt to disrupt a regional summit .... **Page 14**

Parents' victory

The parents of a four-year-old autistic boy celebrated when a judge ruled that their education authority must pay for their son to attend a £50,000-a-year special school in America .... **Page 9**

Tally-ho in the Park

Tens of thousands are to converge on Hyde Park in London tomorrow for a hunting and field sports rally...................... **Pages 7, 18, 19**

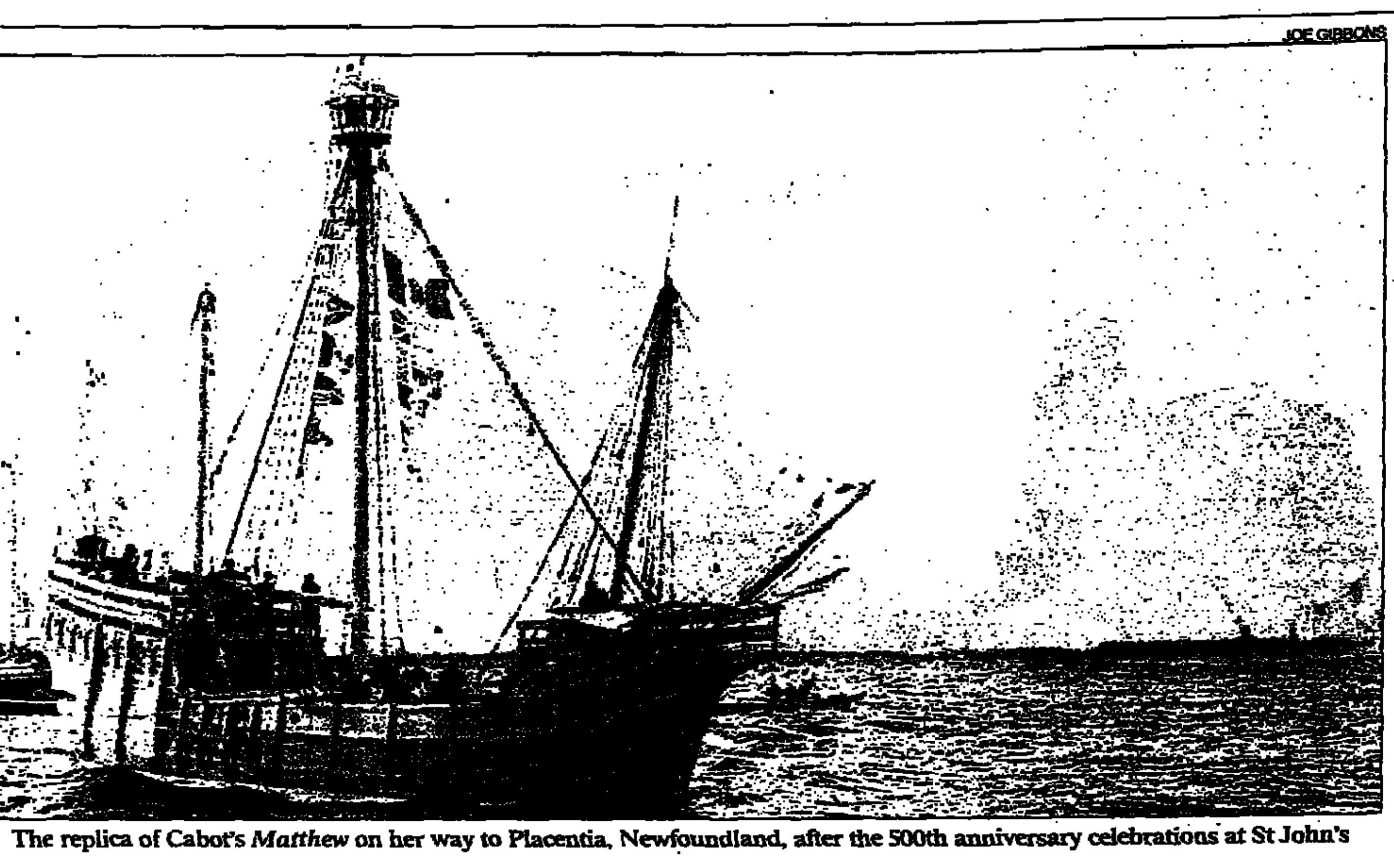
Kohl disappointed

Helmut Kohl's hopes of a summer labour market improvement were dashed by high unemployment figures .... **Page 12**

King Herod's poolside parties

■ Israeli archaeologists have found what they say is the oldest indoor swimming pool yet found in the Holy Land, dating back to 10BC and situated in what was Herod the Great's summer palace at Herodion. Professor Ehud Netzer said: "Swimming was segregated, but we cannot be sure if women were allowed to use the pool at different times" .... **Page 12**

JOE GIBBONS



The replica of Cabot's *Matthew* on her way to Placentia, Newfoundland, after the 500th anniversary celebrations at St John's

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Tomorrow at noon, three officials of the Bank of England plus two advisers will announce a decision which will have much more effect than Gordon Brown's Budget on the British economy in the year ahead .... **Page 19**

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I want to stop this Bill because it will mean the end of anti-foxhunting, and with it the passing of a culture and an economy crucial to rural Britain...................... **Page 18**

SIMON BARNES

It is the stuff of sport: total humiliation, in public. Blame the jockey. Slag him off in public. Find a scapegoat............................ **Page 43**

PETER RIDDELL

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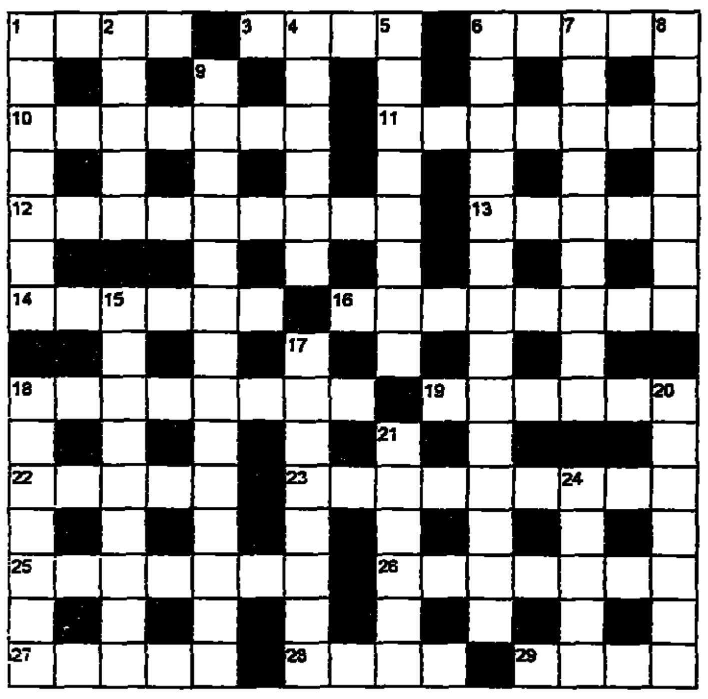

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8 Extra interest surrounding new single, ultimately clownish (7).
9 Comedians of distinction accompanied by writer (6,3,5).
15 Solemn declaration made in a TV ad, if twice broadcast (9).
17 Restrained humour staged after hours (8).
18 A bit of a shock, having bully to beat (7).
20 Racy episode requiring a quick change? (3,4).
21 Place to hold course disrupted by hoax (6).
24 Boiling water, you prepare oatmeal, finishing with this (5).

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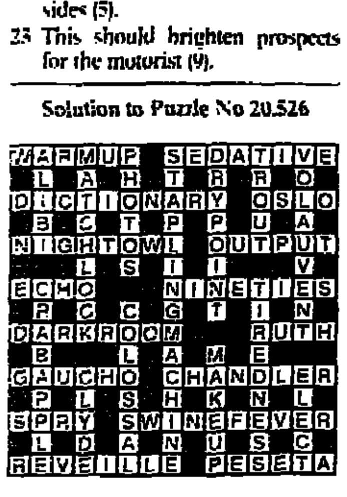

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have another hot day with lengthy sunny periods. However, inland there will be a build-up of cloud with a risk of local heavy showers, especially over high ground in the Midlands and Pennine areas. Coasts will be cooler and sea-mist is possible on south-facing coasts. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mainly fine and warm with clouds and sunny periods

☐ **London, S E England, E Anglia, E Midlands, W Midlands:** hot and humid with sunny spells, showers possible later. Light southeast wind. Max 75-81F (24-27C), cooler on coast

☐ **Central S England, Channel Isles, S W England, S Wales:** warm and mainly sunny but cooler on coast, perhaps with sea-mist. Light southeast wind. Max 73-79F (23-26c), 66-72F (19-22C) on coast.

☐ **E England, N Wales, N W England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England, N E England:** very warm and humid with good sunshine, but showers possible. Light southeast wind. Max 73-79F (23-26C), cooler on coast.

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, S W Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** very warm with sunny spells, but showers possible. Light southeast wind. Max 72-77F (22-25C).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, N E Scotland, N W Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** mostly fine and warm with some sunshine, but sea-mist may affect the islands. A moderate southerly wind. Max 64-70F (18-21C).

☐ **Outlook:** tomorrow will be hot and sultry but cloud will build in the afternoon, with the risk of showers. Northern Ireland and northwest Scotland will begin to cloud over with thundery showers developing. Friday will be unsettled everywhere with a mix of sunshine and heavy showers.

☐ **Pollen:** low in N Scotland; moderate in central London; high elsewhere (forecast supplied by Pollen Research Unit).

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm. b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.3	0.06	22	72	c
Anglesey	14.9	-	20	68	s
Aspatria	13.5	-	23	73	s
Aviemore	13.0	-	23	73	s
Belfast	3.4	-	23	73	s
Birmingham	12.4	0.01	26	79	s
Bognor R	12.6	-	23	73	s
Bournem'th	14.5	-	24	75	s
Bristol	13.3	-	27	81	s
Buxton	13.9	-	25	77	s
Cardiff	11.5	-	23	73	s
Clacton	13.6	-	18	64	s
Cleethorpes	12.2	-	21	70	s
Colwyn Bay	13.5	-	18	64	s
Cromer	11.4	-	22	72	s
Dunbar	12.4	-	20	68	s
Eastbourne	15.1	-	22	72	s
Edinburgh	4.3	-	23	73	b
Eskdalemuir	8.4	0.01	23	73	s
Exmouth	14.9	-	22	72	s
Falmouth	13.6	-	21	70	s
Fishguard	9.9	0.01	18	64	fg
Folkestone	13.9	-	22	72	s
Glasgow	5.4	0.01	22	72	b
Guernsey	x				
Hastings	14.3	-	22	72	s
Hayling I.	13.3	-	20	68	s
Herne Bay	10.2	-	24	75	s
Hove	12.2	-	21	70	s
Hunstanton	11.7	-	23	73	s
Isle of Man	15.3		19	66	s
Isle Of Wight	15.3	-	19	66	s
Jersey	14.2	-	25	77	s
Kinloss	9.8	0.01	22	72	[illegible]

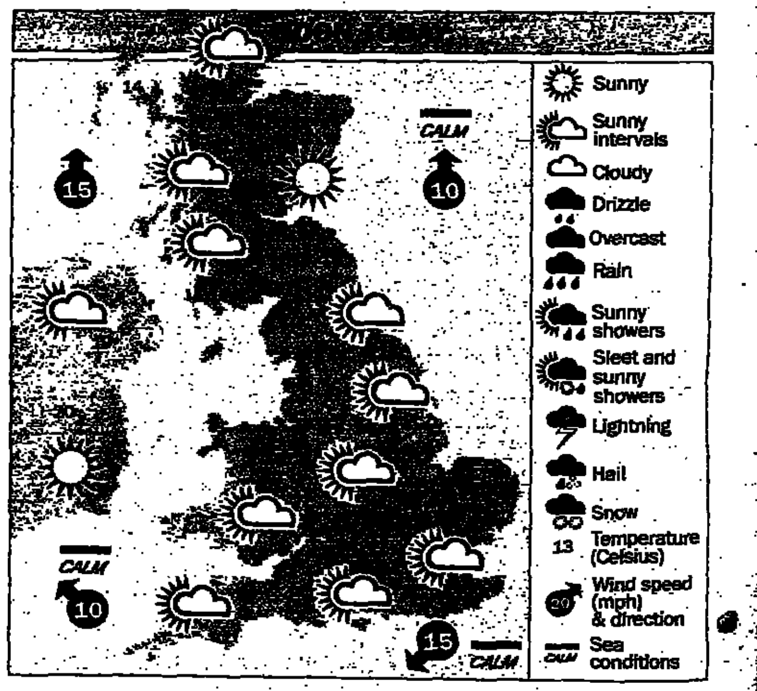
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Leeds	10.0	0.01	25	77	sh
Lerwick	5.5	0.08	16	61	fg
Leuchars	13.7	-	23	73	s
Littlehmptn	12.0	-	22	72	s
London	7.3	0.01	27	81	s
Lowestoft	9.5	-	21	70	s
Manchester	12.1	-	26	79	s
Margate	11.7	-	23	73	s
Minehead	12.5	-	20	68	s
Morecambe	13.5	-	22	72	s
Newcastle	x				
Newquay	12.6	-	18	64	s
Norwich	7.3	0.01	25	77	s
Oxford	12.8	-	27	81	s
Penzance	x	-	22	72	s
Poole	x				
Prestatyn	x	-	21	70	s
Ross-o-wye	14.4	-	26	79	s
Salcombe	14.2	-	23	73	s
Saunton Snd	12.1	-	18	64	s
Scarboro'	13.3	-	20	68	s
Shrewsbury	11.8	-	25	77	s
Skegness	12.2	-	20	68	s
Southend	12.5	-	23	73	s
Southsea	x				
Stornoway	6.5	0.06	18	64	s
Swanage	13.8		21	70	s
Teignmouth	15.1	-	21	70	s
Tenby	4.4	-	17	63	fg
Tiree	3.2	-	17	63	s
Torquay	15.1	-	22	72	s
Tynemouth	x	-	17	63	s
West-s-mare	x				
Weymouth	14.5	-	23	73	s

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	24	75	s	Corfu	28	82	s
Akrotiri	31	88	s	C'phagn	22	72	s
Alex'dria	31	88	s	Dublin	20	68	f
Algiers	25	77	c	Dubrovnik	25	77	s
Amst'dm	20	68	c	Faro	26	79	s
Athens	32	90	s	Florence	26	79	s
B Aires	12	54	s	Frankfurt	20	68	s
Bahrain	38	100	s	Funchal	24	75	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Geneva	20	68	s
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	23	73	s
Barcelona	25	77	s	Helsinki	25	77	f
Beirut	30	86	s	Hong K	29	84	c
Belgrade	18	64	f	Innsbrck	14	57	c
Berlin	23	73	f	Istanbul	28	82	f
Bermuda	29	84	s	Jeddah	42	108	s
Biarritz	25	77	s	Jo'burg	13	55	s
Bordeaux	25	77	f	L Angels	23	73	s
Brussels	20	68	f	L Palmas	26	79	s
Budapest	18	64	f	Le Touquet	22	72	f
Cairo	37	99	s	Lisbon	31	88	s
Cape Tn	25	77	s	Locarno	22	72	f
Ch'church	7	45	r	Luxembg	18	64	c
Chicago	22	72	s	Luxor	42	108	s
Cologne	19	66	s	Madrid	27	81	s

	C	F			C	F	
Majorca	29	84	s	Rome	25	77	s
Malaga	25	77	s	S Fr'isco	19	66	s
Malta	27	81	s	S Paulo	x		
Melb'rne	12	54	f	Salzburg	11	52	r
Mexico C	21	70	f	Santiago	12	54	c
Miami	32	90	s	Seoul	26	79	c
Milan	28	82	s	Sing'por	30	86	f
Montreal	22	72	s	St'kholm	27	81	s
Moscow	21	70	f	Strasb'rg	20	68	f
Munich	13	55	r	Sydney	17	63	s
N Delhi	34	93	s	Tangier	27	81	s
N York	29	84	s	Tel Aviv	34	93	s
Nairobi	23	73	c	Tenerife	27	81	s
Naples	27	81	s	Tokyo	32	90	s
Nice	24	75	s	Toronto	21	70	s
Oslo	25	77	s	Tunis	29	84	c
Paris	24	75	f	Valencia	27	81	s
Peking	32	90	s	Vanc'ver	18	64	f
Perth	14	57	s	Venice	25	77	f
Prague	14	57	r	Vienna	13	55	r
Reykjavik	11	52	c	Warsaw	19	66	c
Rhodes	32	90	s	Wash'ton	30	86	t
Rio de J	24	75	f	Wel'ngton	9	48	x
Riyadh	42	108	s	Zurich	17	63	f

Temperatures at midday local time on Monday. x = not available



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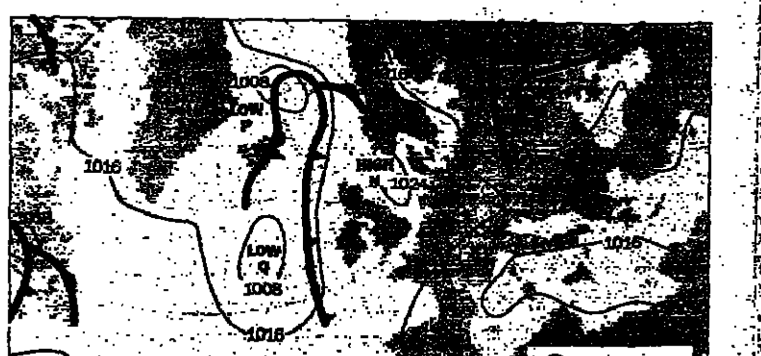

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	05.29	7.0	17.39	6.8
Aberdeen	04.48	4.0	17.21	3.8
Avonmouth	10.51	12.0	23.00	12.0
Belfast	02.28	3.5	14.54	3.0
Cardiff	10.37	11.1	22.46	11.1
Devonport	09.09	6.0	21.18	5.2
Dover	02.30	6.2	14.49	6.3
Dublin (N Wall)	03.04	4.0	15.27	3.7
Falmouth	08.40	4.8	20.49	5.0
Greenock	03.49	3.4	16.35	3.0
Harwich	03.20	3.7	15.30	3.7
Holyhead	01.43	5.3	14.07	5.0
Hull (Albert D)	09.49	8.3	22.19	7.9
Ilfracombe	09.34	8.3	21.46	8.4
King's Lynn	09.54	6.2	22.25	5.8

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Leith	06.18	5.1	18.37	5.0
Liverpool	02.35	8.9	14.57	8.6
Lowestoft	01.17	2.2	13.03	2.5
Margate	03.38	4.4	15.43	4.4
Milford Haven	09.50	6.2	22.04	6.3
Newquay	08.43	6.2	20.58	6.3
Oban	09.21	3.5	21.21	3.6
Penzance	08.13	5.0	20.29	5.1
Portland	10.33	1.6	22.38	1.6
Portsmouth	02.37	4.3	15.12	4.3
Shoreham	02.27	5.7	14.57	5.8
Southampton	02.10	4.3	14.34	4.3
Swansea	09.54	8.6	22.10	8.7
Tees	07.15	6.1	19.44	4.8
Walton-on-N	03.14	3.8	15.23	3.8

All times BST. Heights in metres.

Sun rises: 4.54 am
Sun sets: 9.17 pm
Moon sets: 11.20 pm
Moon rises: 9.54 am

First quarter: July 12

London 9.17 pm to 4.55 am
Bristol 9.26 pm to 5.05 am
Edinburgh 9.56 pm to 4.41 am
Manchester 9.36 pm to 4.53 am
Penzance 9.31 pm to 5.24 am

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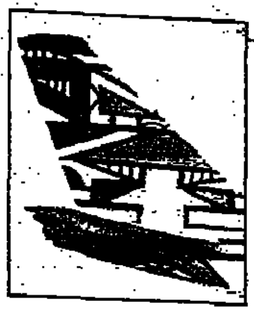

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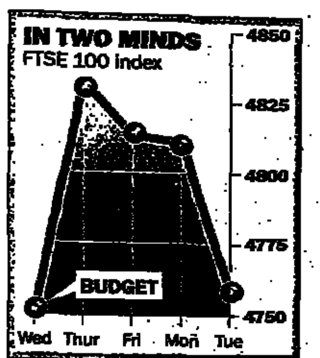
Interest rate fears send stock market into reverse



By Alasdair Murray
Economics Correspondent

THE stock market went into reverse as fears of a rise in interest rates continued to haunt the City ahead of today's Bank of England monetary policy meeting.

The FTSE 100 index fell 52.2 points — about 1 per cent — to 4,785.5, with economists predicting that the Bank will push up interest rates by a quarter point to 6.75 per cent.

However, the pound renewed its climb, after a fall prompted by Tuesday's weak manufacturing output figures, to hit a six-year high against the mark. The pound closed up three pfennigs at DM2.9693, having reached DM2.9740 at one point. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose 0.9 points to 104.2 while also making ground against the dollar, rising from $1.6846 to $1.6897.

The market was unsettled by stronger than expected inflation figures and dealers expect the market to remain subdued ahead of the conclusion of the monetary policy meeting. Traders also noted the stock market had ended a period of tailing Wall Street — which rose 59.26 points to 7,917.75 by lunchtime — to concentrate on domestic issues.

Exporters, including ICI and GKN, were again the big losers although financial services stocks also lost some ground after their recent strong rises. The latest Engineering Employers Federation quarterly survey, which was published yesterday, showed exports at their lowest for three years. Output and employment in the sector also fell.

Headline inflation rose from 2.6 per cent to 2.9 per cent in June, the highest rate since January 1996. The Government's favoured measure of inflation, which excludes mortgage costs, rose from 2.5 per cent to 2.7 per cent, above the target level. Economists said the figures marginally increased the chances of further rate rises but that most of the rise was a result of increases in erratic elements of the index and the outlook for underlying inflation remains benign.

The May rise in interest rates, forcing up mortgage costs, contributed much to the rise in the headline figure. Seasonal food prices, which normally fall during the summer, also registered their largest June increase since 1978. But service sector inflation declined from 3.3 per cent to 3.2 per cent, and the price of household goods, clothing and footwear also fell despite strong sales.

Simon Briscoe, director of research at Nikko Europe, said: "Unless you believe that consumers are spending their windfalls on fruit'n'veg there is little sign of a windfall-led inflation."

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4758.5	(-52.2)
Yield	3.43%	
FTSE All share	*2236.02*	*(-21.4)*
Nikkei	19853.89	(+148.72)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7910.96	(+52.47)*
S&P Composite	916.24	(+4.04)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	$5\frac{1}{2}$%*	($5\frac{1}{2}$%)
Long Bond	$100\frac{5}{8}$*	($100\frac{21}{32}$)
Yield	6.58%*	(6.58%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	$6\frac{21}{32}$%	($6\frac{21}{32}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	$114\frac{27}{32}$	($114\frac{13}{16}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6885*	(1.6895)
London:		
$	1.6911	(1.6846)
DM	2.9715	(2.9393)
FFr	10.0250	(9.9103)
SFr	2.4771	(2.4533)
Yen	190.40	(189.30)
£ Index	104.2	(103.3)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.7587*	(1.7535)
FFr	5.9340*	(5.9120)
SFr	1.4640*	(1.4613)
Yen	112.70*	(112.79)
$ Index	102.2	(101.9)

Tokyo close Yen 113.09

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Sep)	$18.40	($18.30)

GOLD

London close	*$321.15*	*($319.55)*

* denotes midday trading price

Debenhams to demerge from Burton

By Sarah Cunningham, Retail Correspondent

JOHN HOERNER, the American chief executive of The Burton Group, yesterday moved to arrest the sharp decline in the group's share price by demerging Debenhams, the department store side which Mr Hoerner was brought to Burton to run.

The move means that Mr Hoerner will take direct control of the remaining group, which includes Top Shop, Top Man, Principles, Burton Menswear, Evans and Dorothy Perkins. This has led to the departure of Stuart Rose, who has been managing all the multiples except Top Shop. He is on a two-year rolling contract and his salary last year was £280,000.

Debenhams will have a separate London Stock Exchange listing from next year. Analysts reckon it is worth between £1.3 billion and £1.6 billion, while the remaining business, which is be reorganised into a single group with a new name, will be valued at between £550 million and £700 million.

Mr Hoerner, Burton's chief executive, will become chief executive of the multiples group and will be joined there by Andrew Higginson, Burton's finance director. Terry Green, who has been chief executive of Debenhams since taking over from Mr Hoerner in 1992, will retain that job after the demerger.

Sir John Hoskyns, who had been due to retire as chairman of The Burton Group next January, will stay on until July. Peter Jarvis, the former chief executive of Whitbread who was recently named as Sir John's successor at The Burton Group, will become chairman of Debenhams after the demerger. He is also chairman of the Low Pay Commission.

Mr Higginson said the decision to split had been taken after talking to the group's institutional investors after the last, poorly received results. "We had our eyes opened. Institutions were finding it difficult to take a view on the business as it is. Now we'll have Debenhams, which is a very strong business, and the multiples, which have made great strides, but which are five years behind."

The company said it considered a demerger three years ago but thought the multiples were not then strong enough. Common systems and practices have since been installed at the multiples and profitability has improved.

The move sent Burton shares up $10\frac{1}{2}$p to $125\frac{1}{4}$p. They recently touched a year-low of 114p. Reaction among analysts was mixed, however. Nick Bubb, of Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, the broker, said he was strongly in favour and he valued Debenhams alone at more than 100p a share.

Others were less favourable. One City analyst described the change as "financial engineering without strong operational reasons", adding that all the changes in structure could have been done with Debenhams and the multiples remaining under one umbrella. He said that shareholders would strongly favour shares in Debenhams over the remainder of the group.

The trading statement yesterday showed that sales at the multiples, excluding home shopping, were up more than 1.4 per cent in the past 18 weeks. Although the bad weather in May and June will have contributed to this disappointing performance, sales at Debenhams in the same period rose 10.4 per cent.

A circular about he demerger will be sent out to shareholders in November and a vote will be taken at the annual meeting in January, with the demerger taking place in the spring.

Mr Hoerner, who was paid more than £900,000 including bonuses and benefits last year, is expected to maintain his pay level in his new job. He is likely to be a non-executive director of Debenhams, which he ran from 1987 before taking over the group.

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HMSO books have £482,000 black hole

By Adam Jones

THE £54 million privatisation of HMSO, the government stationery arm, has become embroiled in further controversy after inadequate accounting procedures were exposed by the National Audit Office.

Critics of the sale of HMSO to a new company headed by Rupert Pennant-Rea, a former deputy governor of the Bank of England, last year said the price was far too low.

In a report published today the NAO said accounts for the nine months to privatisation on September 30 had to be qualified because of unreliable information. Sir John Bourn, who heads the NAO, said a £482,000 net imbalance had arisen from discrepancies on several internal cash movements.

He blamed "inadequate" control of inter-business accounts. It contributed to an operating deficit of £965,000 for the period. He also said payments of £1.6 million into suspense accounts could not conclusively be matched to any division.

In his report to Parliament, Sir John said Mike Lynn, the HMSO head at the time, claimed management and accounting staff had "a number of conflicting priorities" before the sell-off. He said the Cabinet Office accepts there are "valid concerns" about the lack of financial controls but has no reason to believe public money was lost.

Last night one unsuccessful bidders for HMSO said the accounts were "a dog's breakfast" making it almost impossible to come up with a consolidated picture that would have led to an accurate valuation.

TONY WHITE

George Simpson plans to dispose of GEC-Alsthom and hinted at returns for shareholders

City cool on Simpson's new strategy for GEC

By Oliver August

GEORGE SIMPSON, chief executive of GEC, yesterday heralded the end of the "joint venture culture" of Lord Weinstock, his predecessor, by pledging to focus on the group's core strength in defence, industrial electronics and telecoms over the next three to four years.

Mr Simpson announced plans to dispose of GEC-Alsthom, the £2.5 billion trains and power joint venture.

A decision on a possible flotation, which is favoured by Mr Simpson, is expected in the next three months. He raised the possibility of returning some of the funds to shareholders.

The City reacted with disappointment to the long-awaited strategic review because it lacked any acquisitions or executive board appointments. The shares fell from $377\frac{1}{2}$p to 353p.

Mr Simpson said he wanted to turn Marconi into a global leader in defence electronics. He singled out Finmeccanica of Italy and Siemens-Plessey as key partners.

GPT, the telecoms arm, will be revamped to maintain a presence in the sector. It has one of the highest growth rates in the group. Investment in product development and engineers will be increased significantly.

The number of businesses grouped together in the industrial division will be reduced according to growth potential. The medical business is set for further acquisitions and Mr Simpson did not rule out an offer for Siemens's medical business even though the German company said its business was not for sale.

Regarding a merger with British Aerospace, he said: "Whether GEC-BAe will happen depends on how much shareholder value we can get from partnerships in Europe and the US."

GEC has a cash pile of £2 billion.

Mr Simpson said: "I can't say when or if money will be returned to shareholders. It totally depends on our success in identifying acquisition targets."

A new GEC chairman is said to have been found, but he will not start until next year when his present employment contract runs out.

An offer has been made to a candidate to succeed David Newman, following his surprise departure from the company.

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Criticism for PIA's largest fine

By Gavin Lumsden

THE Personal Investment Authority came under fire yesterday after it handed out its largest fine in relation to the pensions mis-selling scandal to a small independent financial adviser in Gloucester.

Lincoln Independent, a subsidiary of Lincoln Group, the life insurer, was ordered to pay a total of £85,000 for failing adequately to monitor and implement its pensions mis-selling review.

The PIA has fined 38 IFAs in the pensions review but has failed to take any action against large pension companies responsible for 90 per cent of the 570,000 potential mis-selling cases identified.

A spokesman for Lincoln Group said that the company was surprised and disappointed by the fine, which it said was out of proportion to the size of its IFA business. Lincoln Independent, formerly Laurentian Independent Financial Planning, has only four staff and 3,000 clients. Garry Heath, chief executive of the IFA Association, accused the PIA of "picking on the small guys".

The PIA said reviewing large companies took longer and those companies which failed to meet PIA targets this year would be disciplined.

Insurers call for second pension

THE insurance industry is to publish a bold set of proposals on the tax treatment of pensions designed to encourage those with no earnings to build a retirement fund and to allow contributions by workers to more than one pension scheme.

Association of British Insurers members believe that the Government's "stakeholder pension" should be available to all, including mothers who have given up work to raise children and the unemployed.

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Corbidge signs off with £400,000

By Jason Nissé

MARK CORBIDGE, who resigned yesterday as joint chief executive of Newcastle United, is to receive a £400,000 payoff, taking the former merchant banker's total earnings in just over eight months at the recently floated Premiership club to more than £800,000.

Newcastle said Mr Corbidge left because the management structure of the company, where Freddy Fletcher was also joint chief executive, was "not satisfactory". Mr Corbidge, 33, joined in November from NatWest Markets, the bankers that sponsored the float, in a move presented as strengthening the management team for the float. Jo Dixon, Newcastle's finance director, also joined from NatWest.

Mr Corbidge, a Sheffield Wednesday fan, was behind the decision to force Kevin Keegan, the club's former manager, to either resign or commit himself to the club in a long-term deal, leading to Mr Keegan's departure.

Mr Corbidge argued that Mr Keegan's previous threats to resign would have to be incdluded in Newcastle's prospectus for its £193 million flotation last March. Mr Corbidge is known to have clashed with Sir John Hall over the running of the club. Sir John stood down as chairman of the company shortly before the float, but remains chairman of the club. His son, Douglas, now controls the Hall family's 57 per cent stake.

Earlier this year Cameron Hall Developments, their company, paid Mr Corbidge a £300,000 bonus for floating Newcastle. His salary was £160,000 a year, and he will receive another £400,000 in compensation for loss of office.

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Keegan: commit or quit

Barclay twins target The Independent

By Eric Reguly

THE secretive Barclay twins are trying to add the *The Independent* and its Sunday sister to their growing media empire.

Andrew Neil, the former *Sunday Times* Editor who is now Editor-in-chief of the Barclays' newspaper company, has approached the Mirror Group and Independent Newspapers of Ireland about taking control of the *Independent* titles. Mirror Group and Independent Newspapers each own 46.4 per cent of *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday*.

The Barclays believe that Mirror Group wants to raise capital after last week's agreement to buy Midland Independent Newspapers, owner of *The Birmingham Post*, for £297 million. They are keen to add national titles to their portfolio, which includes *The Scotsman*, *Scotland on Sunday* and *The European*.

They believe Mirror Group would sell its share in the newspapers if it retained the contract to print them.

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Jarvis top choice for £27m plan

Jarvis, in a consortium with Rotch Property Group, has been selected as preferred bidder by University College, London, for a £27 million private finance initiative project linked to the development of a new centre for medical research.

The scheme comprises the refurbishment and conversion of the Cruciform, a Grade II listed building, previously University College Hospital, in Gower Street, London, to provide research facilities and teaching accommodation.

Friends up

Friends Provident, the mutual life insurer, has reported an increase in new business of 73 per cent from £319 million to £552 million for the six months to June 30. Total retail new business from life, pensions, annuity, permanent health and unit trust and Pep sales, increased by 68 per cent from £274 million to £460 million.

M&W ahead

M&W, the convenience store operator, lifted pretax profits to £1.21 million from £840,000 in the six months to March 31, helped by an increased contribution from new stores. Earnings rose to 4.47p from 3.11p. The interim dividend is 1.65p (1.25p).

Power on

Siemens, the German electronics company, has won an Ir£80 million contract to upgrade an electricity power station in Dublin. The development will more than triple the capacity of the Poolbeg station.

ANDRE CAMARA

Nick Fisher, left, and Anders Hedlund, joint chief executives of International Greetings, wrapped up a 58 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £5.1 million in the year to March 31. Dividends rise 33 per cent to 6.67p out of earnings up 57 per cent to 26p. The current year has started well

Insurers set out blueprint for stakeholder pensions

By Marianne Curphey
Insurance Correspondent

THE tax treatment of pensions should be reformed to allow people to contribute to more than one scheme, and those with no earnings to build up their own retirement fund, insurers claim.

The Government's "stakeholder pension" should be available to all, including mothers who have given up work to raise children and the unemployed, according to radical proposals by the Association of British Insurers.

Current Inland Revenue rules stipulate that pension premiums must be paid out of earned income.

The ABI, which represents more than 400 insurance companies, yesterday set out a blueprint for the stakeholder pension which it urged the Government to adopt.

The proposed scheme for a universal second pension is based on the principle behind the US Individual Retirement Account, which is fully portable. The ABI believes employers should contribute to the personal pension plans of individual members of staff.

The blueprint pension might offer tax relief at 50 per cent on the first £500 of contributions to encourage the low paid to start saving. Further premiums up to a maximum of £3,000 a year would qualify for tax relief at the individual's highest rate.

The ABI envisages a product based on a simple fund tracking the performance of the FTSE All-Share index, plus exposure to index-linked gilts. People would be able to transfer to a rival provider every three years without penalty. The ABI believes the policy should be unit-linked and should have an annual management charge of no more than 1 per cent.

At present insurance companies and bancassurers manage £170 billion of personal pensions on behalf of six million people. Mark Boléat, the ABI's director-general, believes the stakeholder pension could initially attract an extra £5 billion to £10 billion a year.

He said: "This is a low-margin high-volume product designed to appeal to the masses. It needs to be cheap, simple and transparent. The quite arbitrary limits on how much people can put into their pension are now inappropriate in the light of changing social and employment patterns."

The ABI believes people should be allowed to contribute to a pension whatever their yearly income. It is particularly concerned that women who give up work to raise children and then return rarely manage to achieve the same salary, in real terms, as they were earning when they left.

A report by Coopers & Lybrand, commissioned by the ABI and entitled *Pensions — A long term strategy*, found that occupational schemes cost as much to administer as personal pensions.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Brussels homes in on Lonrho stake deal

THE European Commission is examining "very closely" a proposed sale by Anglo American Corp of South Africa of its 26.7 per cent stake in Lonrho to South Africa's JCI Mining Group, a commission source said. The Commission ordered Anglo American in April to cut its Lonrho stake to 9.99 per cent and said it could not sell the stake to companies with links to Anglo, Gencor or members of the Oppenheimer family. "Given Anglo's representation on the JCI board and the fact that Mzi Khumalo, the JCI chairman, is an Anglo director the Commission will have to examine very closely whether a sale of the shares to JCI falls within the above criteria," the commission source said.

Anglo American reportedly owns 18 per cent of JCI and has rights to appoint some JCI directors. Anglo said last week that it was granting JCI an option over the £326 million Lonrho stake, exercisable in December. The commission will take a decision "soon", the source said.

Housing deal for B&B

THE BRADFORD & BINGLEY, now the second largest building society, has lent £106 million to a housing association to buy 5,000 council homes. The South Oxfordshire Housing Association will spend £70 million of the loan in purchasing the homes from Oxfordshire District Council and the remaining £36.5 million on repairs, improvements and new building to provide 500 new units for rent. Some 82 per cent of the tenants voted for the transfer.

Triplex chief resigns

GRAHAM LOCKYER has resigned as chief executive of Triplex Lloyd, six months after the company's abortive bid for William Cook, the metal castings business. Mr Lockyer was said to have been the driving force behind the bid, which cost £2.1 million. Triplex will be headed by Bob Mitchell, the finance director, until a successor has been found. Pre-tax profits rose from £9.5 million to £11.3 million in the year to March 31. Earnings per share climbed from 10.4p to 13p.

Eurotunnel debt sold

SEVEN leading Japanese banks have sold their entire holdings of Eurotunnel debt, and three others have sold most of their debt, over the past 18 months. The total holdings of Japanese banks, which were among the larger lenders, have fallen from £1.6 billion to under £600 million, with most being bought by US funds. Eurotunnel shareholders vote tommorrow on a plan to cut £4.4 billion from the group's £9 billion of debts. Total lenders have fallen from 235 to 174.

Savings bank for L&G

LEGAL & GENERAL has become the latest life insurance company to set up a telephone bank offering savings products that have high interest rates. Among the products it will offer is an instant access account with rates of up to 7 per cent. The company is hoping to attract some of the millions of pounds that has been released following the flotations of the Halifax, Woolwich and Alliance & Leicester. Legal & General claims that the bank cost less than £1 million to set up.

Birse builds profits

BIRSE GROUP, the construction and plant hire company that was severely affected by the prolonged recession in the building industry, lifted pre-tax profits to £2.02 million from £1.12 million in the year to April 30. The company reduced net debt to £2 million from £7 million and said that it expects to end the current year with cash in the bank. Earnings were 1.1p a share (0.6p last time). A final dividend of 0.3p a share makes a total of 0.5p (nil).

Frogmore raises £25m

FROGMORE ESTATES is raising £25 million in a placing of shares to finance the purchase of a commercial property portfolio from Axa Equity & Law, the insurer, for £92.2 million. The property company also has the right, until September, to purchase a second tranche of 56 properties from Axa for up to £60 million. Frogmore is placing 4.59 million shares at 545p with institutional investors, representing 8.9 per cent of the company's share capital.

ING deal to lift income

ING GROUP, the Dutch insurance and banking combine that owns Barings in Britain, is taking over Equitable of Iowa in the United States for $2.2 billion (£1.3 billion). The acquisition will double ING's American life insurance operations, lifting premium income to $4.3 billion from $2.2 billion. ING will finance the deal with a mixture of borrowings and a placement of American Depository Shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

Pound hurts Renishaw

SHARES of Renishaw fell 62½p to a two-year low of 280p as the specialist engineering exporter said the strength of sterling would force its pre-tax profits down to £17.5 million, about £5 million below market expectations. The company, which sells 90 per cent of its goods overseas, blamed the soaring pound for £4.5 million of the shortfall. Its sales rose by 6 per cent to £81.3 million in the year to June 30, after a £6.6 million reverse on translation into sterling.

Streamline's £100m deal

STREAMLINE, the road maintenance group, has won a £100 million contract to look after non-trunk roads in Cheshire for the next five years. The company will insert 'cats eyes' on the roads, look after the drainage system and lay down red, non-skid patches on approaches to junctions. The deal comes a month after it won the £20 million contract to perform the same task in Warwickshire and gives the company a third of the privatised road maintenance market.

Woolwich investors angry over certificates

By Caroline Merrell

WOOLWICH shares fell sharply yesterday, angering some investors who have not yet received their share certificates and have been unable to take advantage of the early premium the shares enjoyed when trading got under way on Monday.

The shares fell 33p to 301p yesterday, with 20 million traded. On Monday, the first day of dealings, the shares peaked at 368½p, with 24.1 million traded.

Woolwich, whose chief executive is John Stewart, claimed that all share certificates were sent out at the end of last week. However, the company pointed our that the Post Office had admitted that about 1 per cent of the certificates would not arrive on time.

A Woolwich spokesman refused to comment on how many people had been affected by late arrival of share certificates, but said: "Some people who have a relationship with their broker should be able to deal without certificates."

Stewart: saw shares fall

Merrill Lynch opts for City site

By Martin Waller

IN A significant boost to the City of London and a blow for Canary Wharf, Merrill Lynch, the US investment bank that bought Smith New Court two years ago, has chosen a site near St Paul's Cathedral for its new base for operations in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

The bank, which had asked three builders to tender for the £400 million contract, has selected Mace as construction engineer and Gardiner & Theobald as project manager.

The choice of the Post Office site in King Edward Street will allow considerable expansion of the number of employees at Merrill. Staff will start to arrive in mid-2001, and the new development will house as many as 5,500, against the 4,000 employed at Merrill's existing premises, most notably at Ropemaker Street in the City and at Smith New Court's Farringdon Road offices.

The latter will be retained, as will the offices of the private client business in Chester Street, SW1. But the other properties will be vacated.

David Komansky, chairman and chief executive, said the investment in a new headquarters "underscores the depth of our commitment to the entire region and to the City of London as a major financial centre".

The loser is Canary Wharf in London's Docklands, home to several large investment banks already, which had been considered as an alternative.

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TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

WILKINSON, JANE FAWCETT, The Longhouse, Fantley Lane, Silton Gillingham Dorset SP8 5AH, died 5th December 1996; particulars to Biddle & Co, solicitors, 1 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7BU before 30th September 1997

BEARSTED The Rt Hon Peter Montefiore The Viscount, 9 Campden Hill Court Campden Hill Road London W8 died 9th June 1996; particulars to Biddle & Co, solicitors, 1 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7BU before 30th September 1997.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, on 16 July 1997 at 11.00 am for the purposes [illegible]

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LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at:
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Plumtree Court
London
EC4A 4HT
on Thursday 10 July 1997 at 2.30pm for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm at: Coopers & Lybrand, Plumtree Court, London EC4A 4HT.
DATED - 25 June 1997
By order of the Board
F J Evans
Director/Secretary

GRANT MAINTAINED SCHOOLS FOUNDATION LIMITED
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of Grant Maintained Schools Foundation Limited will be held at 1 & 2 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, London, WC1R 5BZ, on Tuesday the 15th day of July 1997 at 2.00 pm, for the purposes provided for in Sections 98, 100 and 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, during business hours on the 11th and 14th days of July 1997 at the offices of Begbie Norton & Partners, 1 & 2 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, London WC1R 5BZ. The meeting may be requested to consider a resolution agreeing the basis of the Liquidator's remuneration. To assist creditors in making an informed decision, a copy of the creditors' guide to Liquidators' fees as detailed in the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency, Statement of Insolvency Practice No9 is available. [illegible]

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
FIRST PHILIPPINE INVESTMENT TRUST PLC
FIRST PHILIPPINE SECURITIES LIMITED
(BOTH IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
We, Margaret Elizabeth Mills and David John Pallen of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU hereby given notice that on 25 June 1997 we were appointed liquidators of the above named companies.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above companies are required, on or before 8 August 1997 to send in their full names and addresses and full particulars of their debts or claims to us and, if so required by notice in writing from us, are, personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated 25 June 1997
M E Mills and D J Pallen
Joint Liquidators
N.B. All known creditors have been or will be paid in full, but if any persons consider they have claims against the companies they should send in full details forthwith.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities: Various Charities administered by the Trustees of the Marlburian Club Scheme for the regulation of the Charities
Reference:
TS/4935/309486/CD(T)
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for these charities. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at the offices of Herbert Smith, Exchange House, Primrose Street, London EC2A 2HS, or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to The Charity Commission, Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset TA1 4BL, quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

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Dated July 3 1997
Philip John Gorman and Robert William Birchall Joint Liquidators

NUMBER 597 of 1997
R C CIVIL ENGINEERING LIMITED
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, We, A S Wood of Neville Russell, Lancaster House, 67 Newhall Street, Birmingham, B3 1NG, and J Wilson of Deloitte & Touche, P O Box 500, 201 Deansgate, Manchester, Greater Manchester, M60 2AT give notice that we were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above with effect from 26 June 1997.
A S Wood & J Wilson
Joint Liquidators

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SCOTTISH AMICABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

At the Special General Meeting of Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society held on 27 June 1997 a poll was called on the Special Resolution put to the voting members. The result of the poll, which was conducted by Electoral Reform Ballot Services, was as follows:-

For the Special Resolution – 323,958 votes (98.0%)

Against the Special Resolution – 6,456 votes (2.0%)

The Special Resolution was therefore duly passed by the voting members.

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Canatxx Energy Ventures Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

CANATXX ENERGY VENTURES LIMITED
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DATED 2ND JULY 1997 NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A C.C.G.T. (COMBINED CYCLE GAS TURBINE) POWER STATION ON LAND FORMERLY USED AS AN OIL STORAGE TANK FARM AT RHOSGOCH ON THE ISLE OF ANGLESEY

Notice is hereby given that Canatxx Energy Ventures Limited has applied under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for consent of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to construct and operate a C.C G.T. Power Station on the site of a former Oil Storage Tank Farm, at Rhosgoch on the Isle of Anglesey together with a direction under 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted

The C.C G T. Power Station will have a Generating capacity of up to 880M.W.

A copy of the application, environmental statement and location plan, defining the land to which the application relates, are available for inspection during normal working hours, at the Planning Department, Anglesey County Council Offices, Llangefni, Anglesey LL77 7TW and Amlwch Library, Lôn Parys, Amlwch, Anglesey.

Additional copies of the Environmental Statement may be obtained, while stocks last, at a cost of £50.00 per copy including postage from:

Canatxx Energy Ventures Limited, Hillhouse International
Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire, FY5 4QD

Those wishing to make objections to the application are requested to write to the Secretary of State for Trade & Industry, Electricity Directorate, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET.

Please state the name of the proposed Power Plant and grounds for the objection, not later than 15th August 1997. It is requested that a copy of such objection is sent to Mr Dennis J. Volter, Canatxx Energy Ventures Limited, ICI Hillhouse International, PO Box 4, Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire FY5 4QD.

Worrying times for nursing home industry

Inquiry could be bitter pill

By Marianne Curphey, Insurance Correspondent

PROVIDERS of care homes in the UK face the prospect of stricter regulation after a decision by the Office of Fair Trading to investigate the £5 billion industry.

The inquiry, which will look at contracts between elderly people and their carers in 20,000 homes across the country, could not have come at a worse time for the industry.

Analysts calculate that the average 50-bed nursing home makes just £10,000 a year profit after mortgage costs of an average £150,000 a year have been taken into account. This compares with a profit of three times that several years ago and is the equivalent of a profit of 50p per bed per day.

The share prices of some of the biggest quoted providers have almost halved in two years. Care First Group, the largest provider in the UK, has fallen from 225p in September 1995 to 113½p yesterday, while Westminster Healthcare has seen its price fall from 356p in September 1995 to 265p yesterday.

The OFT inquiry, scheduled for publication in spring 1998, will cover contracts, financial protection for residents in homes and redress for complaints. Analysts believe the inquiry is likely to conclude that regulation is necessary to ensure vulnerable elderly people are not exploited.

William Laing, a director of Laing & Buisson, the healthcare analyst, believes further consolidation in the industry is likely because margins are being squeezed and an average 15 per cent of beds are unoccupied.

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Australia $	2.37	2.19
Austria Sch	21.85	20.19
Belgium Fr	64.34	59.38
Canada $	2.447	2.259
Cyprus Cyp£	0.917	0.846
Denmark Kr	11.88	10.99
Finland Mkk	9.37	8.62
France Fr	10.46	9.68
Germany Dm	3.13	2.89
Greece Dr	493	454
Hong Kong $	13.86	12.66
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.17	1.08
Israel Shk	6.32	5.87
Italy Lira	3063	2826
Japan Yen	206.23	187.70
Malta	0.686	0.627
Netherlds Gld	3.526	3.253
New Zealand $	2.66	2.42
Norway Kr	13.01	12.07
Portugal Esc	312.03	290.00
S Africa Rd	8.40	7.44
Spain Pta	261.78	240.00
Sweden Kr	13.91	12.81
Switzerland Fr	2.62	2.41
Turkey Lira	264504	244626
USA $	1.795	1.662

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Simpson plays it close to his chest

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Lights, fanfare, up with the curtain, and down with the share price. After eight months in rehearsal, the George Simpson show hit town yesterday, and the reviewers were not impressed. After all the pre-publicity, they had hoped for something more than a bland statement of intent.

So Mr Simpson wants to extricate GEC from uncomfortable joint ventures and build a stronger defence business on the back of Marconi. Of course he does, and the surprise would have been if he had said anything to the contrary. But what the market wanted was details of the terms on which he was to exit from the Alsthom alliance and some positive news on how he will be spending the £2 billion cash pile, which gave Lord Weinstock such a warm and comfortable feel but greatly irritates investors who want to see their money put to work or handed back to them.

Mr Simpson had nothing categoric to say on either front. Neither could he name GEC's next chairman, although the individual knows who he is and is, apparently, discussing the timing of his move with his current employers. The name of a finance director to replace the departed David Newlands would have been welcome, but even that is to remain under wraps until next month.

This all added up to a rather thin script for Mr Simpson's much hyped performance. But it is the hype which is at fault rather than Mr Simpson. In moving to GEC, he took on a huge task, and the looming presence of Lord Weinstock at Stanhope Gate has not made it any easier. It may be impossible to accuse him of acting prematurely, but it is too soon to accuse him of inaction.

The broad brush strategy he has outlined is the right one and will take time to accomplish. Negotiations with his joint venture partners are underway: it would not be surprising if his opposite numbers in France and Germany felt that his eagerness to have something positive to say on July 8 would work in their favour. But he was not prepared to settle for a deal at any price. Now, with the deadline removed, the discussions should move into more positive mode.

Simpson is confident that there are acquisitions he can make to bolt onto Marconi, and is enthusiastic about building up the industrial electronics business. He knows that he will have to start spending that cash soon, or shareholders will reclaim it.

But his biggest challenge remains the one that thwarted his wiley predecessor. The logic in joining GEC and British Aerospace is as pressing as ever. It may make sense for the French Thomson to have a role as well in creating a European defence industry power, but it is the GEC/BAe link that is crucial. If Simpson played that down yesterday, it was not because it has fallen from the agenda.

It is the dream deal and if he can deliver it, the City will forgive him for the minor disappointment of yesterday.

Hoerner sticks in his thumb

Debenhams is to float on the stock market. A perfectly reasonable move, given the star rating attached to Harvey Nichols and the lowly price of Burton Group shares. But the equally significant news from Burton is that John Hoerner is to take control of the multiples side of the business.

Those who know Hoerner, and have seen him seethe with frustration when things are not done the way he believes they should be, will understand this means change is in store. From Top Shop in Watford to Dorothy Perkins in Wolverhampton, and at more than 1,300 locations in between, they are going to notice the difference.

Hoerner arrived from the United States to sort out Debenhams and was catapulted into clearing up the debris of Sir Ralph Halpern's excesses in the rest of Burton Group. He has made huge strides in that direction, pulling out of property development, running down debt and applying a degree of logic to the store portfolio. But he is far from satisfied with the results that the multiples are delivering.

The restructuring will put him clearly in charge of making those stores as successful as Debenhams, which, as yesterday's trading update spelt out, is producing almost twice the sales growth of the multiples.

It is a brave move which puts his neck firmly on the line. But his confidence in his abilities is evidenced by the fact that he is giving up the chief executive role in a group which has just tripped out of the Footsie for a similar slot in a much smaller company with a mixed bag of brands.

Now he will aim to run the multiples as a single business instead of playing ring master to a troup of companies, each trying to protect their own territory.

Critics will say that, if he believed the bureaucratic structure of Burton was holding it back, he could have swept out the tiers of management before now, and enjoyed the potential cost benefits a little sooner. But Hoerner has hardly been wasting his time since taking over as chief executive.

He has overseen Debenhams' development to the stage where it now has a blueprint for profitable growth that can be followed with but the lightest of prodding from him as a non-executive director. The restructuring of the organisation could have been accomplished without a demerger, but there is much to be said for a move which will undoubtedly boost shareholder value and free Hoerner to immerse himself in the shops.

Too quiet on NatWest front

It was a sombre crew which assembled for the board meeting at National Westminster yesterday and public statement came there none. They meet again at the end of this month to decide what sentiments would best accompany the figures to be reported in August.

They will hope by then to be able to name a new head for NatWest Markets, where group chief executive Derek Wanless has been thrust into temporary charge of the reprobate division which has cost the bank more in reputation than in hard cash.

But the bank will find it difficult to dodge the wider issue and say exactly how it aims to structure itself for the future. The current spate of rumours which has Natwest linked with any organisation that knows a little about financial services or has missold a personal pension is unsettling for those within the bank as well as its investors.

Abbey National would have been a perfect partner and serious talks did take place between the two. There are those within NatWest who still harbour ideas that the resounding rejection which Abbey issued did not really mean "no" but was just a case of playing hard to get.

It would not be surprising if NatWest were to venture another effort at kindling a relationship, although the terms would have to reflect NatWest's chastened circumstances.

Lord Alexander can be hugely persuasive and NatWest now finds itself in need of all his skills as an advocate.

Don't blame Brown

WHATEVER one's political persuasion, blaming Gordon Brown for the latest hike in inflation cannot be reasonable. Cauliflowers and tomatoes are more culpable, thanks to the unseasonal weather which has sent the prices soaring. It is to be hoped that the monetary policy committee take note of the price of vegetables before deciding on whether another increase in interest rates is what the country needs.

Fresh warning sends Dalgety shares tumbling

By Dominic Walsh

DALGETY, the food manufacturer best known for its Winalot and Felix pet foods, was in the doghouse yesterday as the City digested the implications of a fresh profit warning and a hefty £100 million of unexpected charges.

Shares in the company, which issued an earlier warning in May, lost almost 15 per cent of their value, sliding 39p to 222½p after the company issued a trading statement. It said pre-tax profits for the year to June 30 were expected to be not less than £65 million — down from £101.9 million last time — because of poor fourth-quarter trading in agriculture and pet foods and sweeping changes made to accounting practices related to goodwill.

In May Dalgety indicated that exceptional charges would be £36 million, but yesterday a swathe of extra restructuring costs and other provisions took the total bill for charges to £138 million.

Sir Denys Henderson, who took over as chairman six months ago, said: "These results are unacceptable and shareholder value must be restored." He added that the board had initiated a "fundamental and rapid reappraisal of the group's businesses".

Richard Clothier, chief executive for the past four years, rejected suggestions that he should step down. "We have made substantial changes to management," he said. "We have a new chairman, a new finance director and a new head of pet foods. We've now got to get on and do what has to be done."

Mr Clothier said the latest pronouncement followed two months of "intense work" by Ken Hanna, who recently joined as finance director from United Distillers, and Hugh Donaldson, new head of pet foods.

Of the £138 million provision, the biggest slice came from pet foods (up from £30 million to £67 million). The BSE crisis was a significant element, and £15 million of write-downs came from surplus property assets. Some £50 million of write-offs were related to small businesses that are to be sold off. Mr Clothier said the updated figures were an attempt to clear the decks and enable the company to move forwards. "We have a lot of work to do, but the only way we can persuade shareholders is to deliver."

A big concern remains current trading, which has been particularly weak in agribusiness. Animal feed volumes have been lower than expected and margins depressed by increased competition. The final straw was June's wet weather which knocked sales of agrochemicals.

David Lang, analyst at Henderson Crosthwaite, described the statement as "agony piled in thick layers". He added: "They're in the doghouse and will remain there for some time. It is going to be a while before we see the benefits of what they're doing."

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Inquiry's £12m blow for Molins

By Fraser Nelson

SHARES in Molins fell to a six-year low yesterday as the maker of cigarette and teabag machinery said that an investigation into accounting irregularities in its American division had uncovered a £12.2 million deficit — £5 million more than expected.

An inquiry into the irregularities, uncovered two months ago, showed that profits had been overstated for ten years, with £3 million of overstatement for 1996 alone. Molins shares fell 27½p to 471½p.

The company has since replaced Leo Maynes and Walt Belville, the Americans who were in charge of the business, with managers from the UK.

Molins also said that the investigation, by KPMG, had disrupted normal business of its corrugated board machinery arm, cutting sales substantially.

Peter Harrisson, chief executive, said: "The problems were a one-off and we are now set to recover." He said that Molins had invested £11 million in research and development in the past year.

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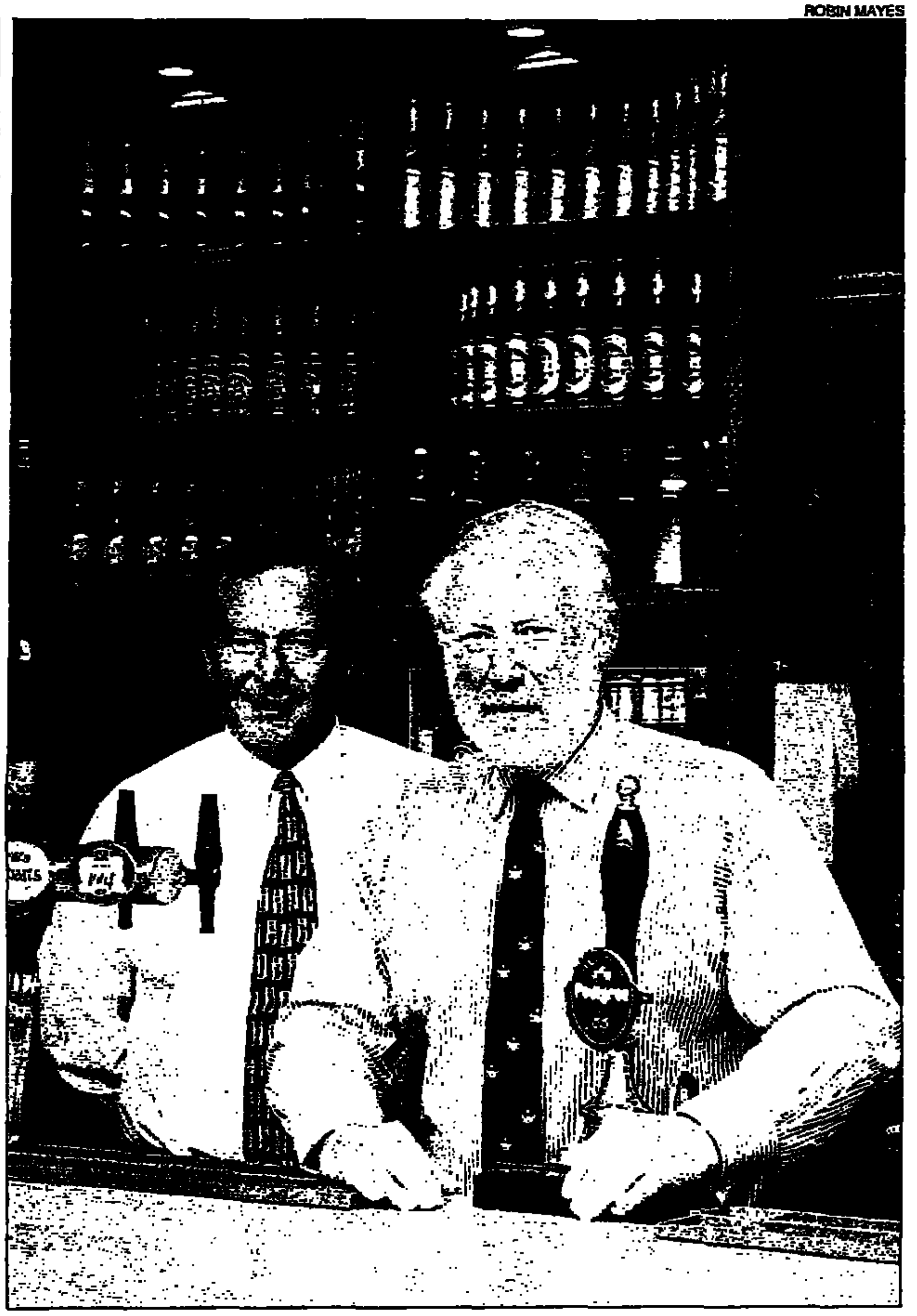

David Gordon, left, and Michael Hurdle, 'toughing it out in a tough market'

Marston's finds profits on a plate

By Dominic Walsh

BOOMING pub grub sales and the acquisition of the Pitcher & Piano chain helped Marston Thompson & Evershed, the Midlands brewer, to raise pre-tax profits 8.2 per cent to £29.5 million.

The slightly better than expected profits, from turnover up 9.2 per cent to £187.5 million in the year to March 29, pushed the shares 7p higher to 277½p.

Marston's paid £20 million for Pitcher & Piano, a chain of seven trendy London pubs aimed at "young professionals". David Gordon, managing director, said the business had made "excellent progress", contributing operating profits of £1.4 million from sales of £6.1 million in nine months.

Food sales improved across the board, with the 245-strong John Marston's Taverners managed estate lifting turnover from pub grub by 18.5 per cent to £24.3 million. Food now accounts for 31 per cent of the division's sales.

Profits from brewing and wholesaling continue to fall, dipping by 4.8 per cent to £4 million. However, Michael Hurdle, chairman, insisted brewing was an important and integral part of the group and was not being retained simply for sentimental reasons. "We're toughing it out in a tough market," he said.

A final dividend of 5.33p makes 8.03p, up 10 per cent on the previous year.

New policy cuts EGIT asset value by 65%

By Paul Durman

THE East German Investment Trust, which once counted leading City figures such as Lord Tugendhat among its directors, yesterday reported some of the worst results ever seen from an investment trust.

The value of EGIT's investments has fallen by 65 per cent a share because Foreign & Colonial Ventures, the trust's new manager, insisted on abandoning the optimistic valuation policy of its predecessor. Most of the East German businesses that the trust has backed since raising £40 million in 1991 have failed or been written off as worthless. This has left 77.5 per cent of the remaining portfolio invested in just three companies.

The fall in net assets per share from 76.2p to 26.8p prompted a further slump in EGIT's share price, from 31½p to 18½p. Investors, led by Norwich Union, originally paid 100p.

Foreign & Colonial said that Ermgassen, the previous manager, had included the benefit from prospective orders and other potentially positive developments in its valuations. This is apparently permitted within industry guidelines on unquoted investments.

Peter Dicks, EGIT's chairman, described the last year as "disappointing".

Ermgassen received DM2 million (£670,000) in compensation for termination of its contract. Walter Zinsser, from the firm, still sits on EGIT's board.

Savills surveys a record

By Carl Mortished

THE buoyant commercial property market has lifted Savills, the surveyor, to record pre-tax profits of £7.6 million in the year to April 30, up from £4.14 million in the previous 12 months. Profits from Savills' commercial business more than doubled to £2.8 million and the firm expects investment activity to continue to grow with increased interest from pension funds.

Richard Jewson, chairman, said pension fund clients were increasing their allocation to property. "Because of the loss of the dividend tax credit, pension funds are looking at direct property investment which pays them gross."

Savills' total fee income rose by 37 per cent to £54.8 million and the increased volume of business — transactions were up by 60 per cent — helped to raise the operating margin from 9 per cent to 13 per cent. Savills' staff will benefit from the profits surge; the company is sharing out £9.8 million in a profit-related bonus to directors and fee-earning staff. Last year's pay-out was £4.1 million. Savills' fund management arm ended the year with £400 million of property under management, having achieved a total return of 13 per cent.

The residential business handled 2,300 transactions worth almost £1 billion and during the year acquired George Stead, the estate agency. Earnings per share rose 75 per cent to 11.7p and the dividend for the year is 3.5p, up 25 per cent.

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Profits slow at Tie Rack

NIGEL MCGINLEY, chief executive of Tie Rack, said yesterday that profits so far this year were slightly below expectations because of the strength of the pound and a mixed spring performance (Adam Jones writes).

He told the company's annual meeting that current sales trends were better. Tie Rack has opened 18 stores in nine countries so far this year, including the Czech Republic, leading to a total of 422 worldwide. The shares fell 2p to 144p.

Pressure on water plan

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

YORKSHIRE WATER will tomorrow seek shareholder approval for a bonus scheme awarding directors up to 40 per cent of their salary. Under the controversial long-term incentive plan the more money given back to shareholders, the more the directors will benefit.

Pirc, the corporate governance consultancy, is recommending opposition to the scheme, along with Waterwatch, the water pressure group. Both groups claim the scheme rewards mediocrity and should take account of wider company performance. Ann Simpson, joint managing director of Pirc, said: "These multiple levels of remuneration need to be justified because they are very expensive in the long term. We are increasingly seeing bonuses become part of normal remuneration whereas they should be to reward exceptional performance."

Pete Bowler, campaigns officer for Waterwatch, said: "Shareholders should not approve an incentive scheme which gives such generous payments for such little skill."

Yorkshire's incentive plan links directors' rewards with shareholder returns through share price growth and dividends, compared with those of the other seven quoted water and sewerage companies. In the year to the end of March Yorkshire Water raised profits by 3 per cent while increasing its dividend by 19 per cent.

Yorkshire Water said: "It is important that the company attracts and retains the right calibre of director."

Sugar may sue Seagate in US

By Jason Nisse

Amstrad's Alan Sugar is considering fighting on two fronts

ALAN SUGAR, who is breaking up his Amstrad empire, yesterday said he was considering suing once again Seagate Technology, the American business that has been ordered to pay Amstrad £85.5 million in damages and interest for delivering faulty goods.

Amstrad sued Seagate, a manufacturer of computer components, because of its role in the failure of Amstrad's PC2286 and 2386 seven years ago. The court awarded Amstrad £57.5 million in May and has now increased this to £85.5 million after adding interest.

However, Mr Sugar, who owns 34 per cent of Amstrad shares, believes that another £10 million of interest should be added to Seagate's bill. Any receipts from the legal action will go straight to shareholders as part of the splitting of Amstrad into two business units, Betacom and Viglen.

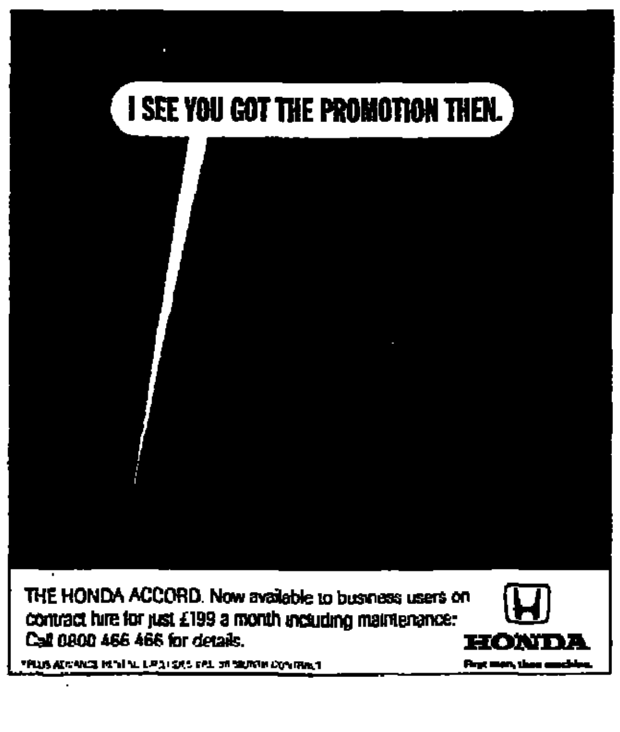
Amstrad is appealing in the UK and is also threatening to sue in the US, alleging fraud which would lead to punitive damages. However, the US courts would have to accept that it is a substantially different action to allow it to proceed over there.

Nick Gardner, the partner in charge of the case for Amstrad's solicitors, Herbert Smith, said: "We are advising our client on that point at the moment."

Seagate also said it would appeal. Al Shugart, its chief executive, was quoted in the US as describing the ruling as a "home court result" and attacking Judge Humphrey Lloyd, who presided. "His wig was on too tight and it caused brain damage," said Mr Shugart.

Amstrad is also suing Western Digitial, another US disk-drive maker, in California. A date has yet to be set for the $186 million (£110 million) action. It has been delayed by a ruling that Western must change its lawyers in a dispute about an expert witness.

Amstrad shareholders will get a participation certificate to share receipts of the legal action as part of the restructuring of Amstrad, which values the group at more than £400 million.



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STOCK MARKET **MICHAEL CLARK**

Inflation and rate fears put shares on the run

IT looks like odds-on for a quarter-point rise in interest rates tomorrow after the sharp jump in inflation last month.

City economists expect the Bank of England's independent economic policy committee to signal such a rise, the third in as many months. It could be followed by a similar rise next month.

This was not the news that the City and Britain's manufacturers wanted to hear. Another rise in interest rates will only serve to underpin the strong pound.

Both share prices and Government bonds were on the run yesterday. The FTSE 100 index closed just above its worst levels of the day with a fall of 52.2 at 4,758.5. The FTSE 250 was 26.1 down at 4,400.8. A total of 885 million shares changed hands.

Exporters and manufacturers were the worst hit, with **TI Group** down 19p at 456½p after talk of a profits downgrading by Lehman Brothers, the US securities house. But Richard Jeffrey, economist at Charterhouse merchant bank, does not think the Bank of England committee will allow the strong pound to cloud its judgement over domestic economic policy.

IMI, down 14p at 288½p, was also said to have been downgraded by Lehman. Other casualties of a strong pound included **Smiths Industries**, 12½p off at 727p, **Rolls-Royce**, 6p cheaper at 221p, and **Spirax Sarco**, 40½p lower at 606p. Less obvious companies were **Renishaw**, down 62½p at 280p, and **Tie Rack**, 2p lighter at 144p.

The City gave a lukewarm reception to a drop in profits at **GEC** and the continuing delay in the group's restructuring programme. Brokers said the statement from George Simpson, chief executive, was long on words and short of substance. The decision to end its involvement with the GEC Alsthom venture was seen as the only significant move. The shares lost most of their recent gains, ending 24½p lower at 353p.

Dixons hit 499p before relapsing to close 3p cheaper at 492½p ahead of today's full-year numbers. Profits are expected to grow by around 40 per cent.

Burton Group got the thumbs up from brokers for its plans to demerge Debenhams, with the price touching 133½p before closing 10½p better at 125¼p. Société Generale, Strauss Turnbull, the broker, has put a valuation of up to 100p on Debenhams, while fixing a target price of up to 150p a share on Burton.

Peter Birse and Martin Budden of Birse Group, up 3p

The second profits warning in three months left **Dalgety** nursing a fall of 39p at a new low of 222½p. This time it blamed poor trading in the fourth quarter and revealed that exceptional costs had soared from the £36 million forecast to £138 million. The group was continuing to struggle to integrate the pet food business it bought from Quaker Oats in 1995. At these levels the group's stock market price tag has fallen to £644 million and brokers say the company is now vulnerable to an unwanted takeover.

There were some strange marks going through in takeover target **Cater Allen**, as the price held steady at 571p. A line of 3.1 million shares was recorded at 577p, along with another of 967,000 at 577p and 540,000 at 567½p. Abbey National already has an offer on the table of 580p, plus the 20p dividend.

The low bids in the first of four auctions for **Woolwich** shares saw the price drop 33p to 301p as turnover reached almost 18 million. Around 23 per cent of the shares issued attracted an average price of 315.35p. That compares with the 367½p they began trading at on Monday. At last night's close the minimum windfall for its 2.5 million customers was £1,365.75.

The rest of the banks lost ground along with the market. The biggest falls were seen in **Abbey National**, 31p to 845½p, **Barclays**, 14p to £12.17½, **HSBC**, 19½p to £19.52½, **Lloyds TSB**, 14½p to 668½p, **NatWest**, 37½p to 843½p, and **Standard Chartered** 12½p to 975p.

A near doubling of pre-tax profits and an upbeat statement on current trading lifted Birse Group 3p to 24¼p. Peter Birse, chairman, said the elimination of debt and a positive cash flow after years of losses was now a realistic objective. Gartmore Investment now speaks for 21.2 million shares, or 11.11 per cent.

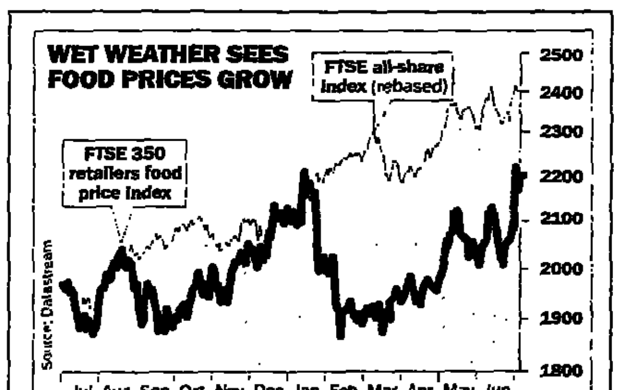
Eurotunnel firmed another 2½p to 84p ahead of tomorrow's EGM. It now seems increasingly likely the group will obtain shareholder permission to proceed with its debt for equity swap with the consortium of 225 banks it owes almost £9 billion.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** That unexpected rise in the inflation rate took the edge off the bond market and produced a further flattening of the yield curve as shorter dated issues came under selling pressure.

In futures, the September series of the long gilt ended five ticks lower at £114²¹⁄₃₂ as 58,000 contracts were completed.

Among longer dated issues Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished three ticks off at £110¹¹⁄₁₆, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £⅛ lower at £102¹³⁄₃₂.

☐ **NEW YORK:** New hopes for corporate earnings were attributed to early session gains that saw the Dow Jones industrial average gain 52.47 points to 7,910.96 by midday.



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THE wet weather in June turned out to be good news for the big four food retailers. The latest inflation numbers served to reveal a dramatic slowdown in food price deflation with distribution affected by the wet weather. The supermarket operators moved against the market trend with Asda firming 2¾p to 137½p. J Sainsbury 8½p to 388p, Safeway 7½p to 375p and Tesco 8p to 408½p.

Tony MacNeary, at NatWest Securities, the broker, said deflation had slowed from minus 13 per cent to minus 7 per cent in the year to June. This was the equivalent of a reduction in overall deflation of 1 per cent to just minus 0.3 per cent.

"In other words food prices are on the way up. It had been thought prices would continue falling right through the autumn. That now seems unlikely and has got to be good news for the supermarket chains," he said.

In February, brokers began a series of profit downgradings after Tesco alerted the City to the problem of falling food prices.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	7910.96 (+52.47)
S&P Composite	916.24 (+4.04)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	19853.89 (+148.72)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	14792.17 (-66.41)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	918.04 (-0.81)

Sydney:

AO	2679.20 (-33.80)

Frankfurt:

DAX	4006.40 (+33.56)

Singapore:

Straits	2007.23 (+9.24)

Brussels:

General	14077.12 (-63.48)

Paris:

CAC-40	2939.81 (-17.85)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	1218.00 (+10.70)

London:

FT 30	3024.5 (-27.2)
FTSE 100	4758.5 (-52.2)
FTSE 250	4400.8 (+26.1)
FTSE 350	2285.0 (-23.0)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2653.83 (+16.58)
FTSE All-Share	2236.02 (-21.4)
FTSE Non Financials	2250.78 (-18.89)
FTSE Fixed Interest	125.33 (+0.58)
FTSE Govt Secs	97.18 (-0.10)
Bargains	52239
SEAQ Volume	885.3m
US$	1.6897 (+0.0051)
German Mark	2.9693 (+0.0296)
Exchange Index	104.2 (+0.9)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
E:ECU	1.4883
£:SDR	1.2064
RPI	156.9 May (2.6%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	156.3 May (2.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AIT	150½	...
Ashtenne	126½	...
Bakery Services (3)	3¼	...
European Mining	24½	...
Grosmont Hldgs	3	...
Grosmont Hldgs Wrts	1	...
Highland Timber	122½	- 2
Norwich Union (290)	322	- 4
Powderject Pharms	202½	...
Primesight	140	...
Reabourne Merlin	110½	...
Royalblue Group	210	...
SBS Group	112½	...
SGB Group	156	- ½
Woolwich	301	- 33

RIGHTS ISSUES

Benchmark Gp n/p	15½	...
Dragon Oil n/p (2)	1	...
Mackie Intl n/p (20)	9	...
Marylebone Wrwck n/p	¾	...
Millwall Hldgs n/p (1)	¼	...
Waterfall Hldgs n/p	5½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Real Time	265p (+10p)
LASMO	277½p (+10p)
Tomkins	288½p (+10p)
Sainsbury J	388p (+8½p)
Tesco	408½p (+8p)
Laporte	605½p (+11p)
Boots	761½p (+11p)

FALLS:

Dalgety	222½p (-39p)
Woolwich	301p (-33p)
Low & Bonar	243½p (-19p)
GEC	353P (-24½p)
Weir	221½p (-15p)
Vitec	530p (-33p)
Brit Biotech	201p (-12½p)
Scholl	266p (-15p)
Hamleys	239p (-12p)
Rentokil Intl	212p (-10½p)
Eurotherm	305p (-15p)
IMI	288½p (-14p)
Blacks Leis	423½p (-18p)
Regent Inns	274p (-11½p)
TI	456½p (-19p)

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TEMPUS

Labour's real estate

NEW Labour's new Chancellor is engineering a new property boom. The last time a certain Mr G. Brown had a national plan for the long-term regeneration of Britain, we ended up with restrictions on development, leading to a shortage of office space and soaring prices. Gordon Brown would not be so vulgar as to intervene in a free market. But he has a wizard wheeze aimed at encouraging companies to reinvest rather than pay dividends. Unfortunately, it is causing pension funds to pour money into commercial property.

That was not intended. Back in the 1960s, the aforementioned George Brown wanted to drive investment to areas of unemployment. Hence the planning restrictions which in the end drew hot money to areas of office shortage, somewhat defeating the purpose. Gordon Brown also wants to influence investment behaviour, not by banning building but through abolishing the dividend tax credit, worth some £5 billion to pension funds. Shorn of income from equities, pension funds need an alternative — and what better than commercial property, which currently offers an average yield of 7-8 per cent, higher than ten-year gilts and vastly superior to the 2.5 per cent net yield on shares.

The Chancellor is speeding up a process that was already under way. Pension funds have been long-term disinvestors in commercial property, but in the first quarter of this year put a net £400 million into bricks and mortar. A tax-efficient income stream is attractive and almost outweighs the problem of direct property's illiquidity. Property shares will also benefit until the weight of money outpaces demand from tenants for new buildings.

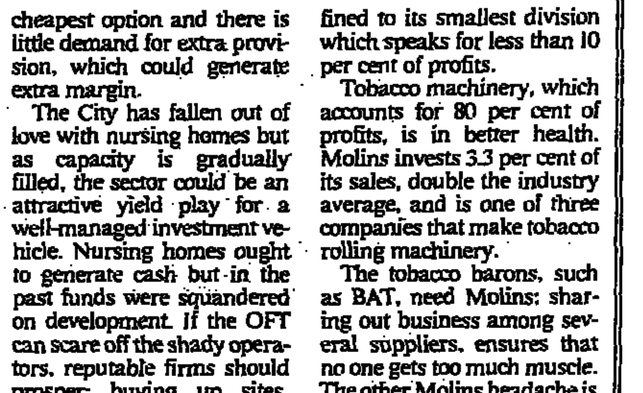
Dalgety

DALGETY tends to disappoint, but this time the management has come up with a dog's dinner of a trading statement that succeeded in wiping 15 per cent off the company's stock market value. Most hurtful was the size of the provision — £138 million compared with the £36 million predicted by the company in May.

So what has happened in the space of just two months? According to yesterday's statement, the recent arrival of new bosses in finance and the Spillers petfood business led to an in-depth investigation of the way things were done, mainly on the accounting side. The concerns related to goodwill on businesses earmarked for disposal, asset valuations and capitalisation of expenditure.

All this, coupled with a further warning on fourth-quarter trading is hardly a recommendation, for Richard Clothier, a 20-year Dalgety veteran and chief executive for the past four. But at least Mr Clothier has grasped the nettle. It is also true that he has suffered a run of bad luck, what with the BSE crisis hitting both agriculture and petfoods. Then there was the wettest June for years, which meant farmers stopped buying agrochemicals on the grounds that they would simply be washed away by the rain.

Clearly, this remains a business with strong brands such as Winalot and Felix, but there is a huge amount of work still to do before investors can be won round.



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Nursing homes

BUYING a Victorian pile and turning it into a nursing home was one of the great get-rich-quick schemes of the early 1980s. Quoted nursing home providers and individual businessmen alike opened 20,000 homes.

But when the budgets of local authorities, which buy 75 per cent of care beds, were squeezed, fees were forced down. Poor management was also to blame, and quoted companies sought to squeeze out the inefficient.

But after a severe recession, there is still overcapacity — beds are only 85 per cent occupied and many care homes make no profit, while the share performance of many quoted companies has been abysmal. Consolidation is inevitable and groups such as Care First have attempted to use takeovers to reduce costs. But the industry has a problem. Too much of it is dependent on state benefits where the funder wants the cheapest option and there is little demand for extra provision, which could generate extra margin.

The City has fallen out of love with nursing homes but as capacity is gradually filled, the sector could be an attractive yield play for a well-managed investment vehicle. Nursing homes ought to generate cash but in the past funds were squandered on development. If the OFT can scare off the shady operators, reputable firms should prosper: buying up sites, installing better management and improving the yield. A well-timed investment could pay off.

Molins

MOLINS has taken a beating. The shares are at a six-year low and are priced on a derisory multiple of 6.7 times earnings. But, contrary to what the City seems to think, there is a way out. The cardboard machinery fraud, though costly, has been confined to its smallest division which speaks for less than 10 per cent of profits.

Tobacco machinery, which accounts for 80 per cent of profits, is in better health. Molins invests 3.3 per cent of its sales, double the industry average, and is one of three companies that make tobacco rolling machinery.

The tobacco barons, such as BAT, need Molins: sharing out business among several suppliers, ensures that no one gets too much muscle. The other Molins headache is sterling, but if problems persist, it can call on manufacturing plants in continental Europe. Likewise, by importing components, it can work currency changes to its advantage. This market is unfriendly to companies that export machinery but the Molins problems are not as cataclysmic as the City believes. If it can dig itself half way out of the hole, its product strengths should do the rest.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	[illegible]	Sep	[illegible]
Sep	[illegible]	Dec	1127-1121
Dec	[illegible]	Mar	[illegible]
Mar	[illegible]	May	[illegible]
May	[illegible]		
Jul	[illegible] BID		Volume: [illegible]

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	[illegible]	Mar	1720 SLR
Sep	[illegible]	May	1710 SLR
Nov	[illegible] BID	Jul	[illegible] SLR
Jan	[illegible]		Volume: [illegible]

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.35	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.30	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Sep)	18.40	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.70	+0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	19.90	+0.40

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gas oil EEC	164 (+1)	167 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Naphtha	174 (+1)	175 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

BRENT (6.00pm)

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)

Jul	79.00
Sep	81.25
Nov	83.25
Jan	85.25
Mar	87.25
	Volume: [illegible]

LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	[illegible]
Nov	[illegible]
Jan	[illegible]
Mar	[illegible]
May	[illegible]
	Volume: [illegible]

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	1329
Aug 97	[illegible]	1255	1255
Sep 97	1305	1295	[illegible]
Oct 97	1420	1415	1420

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

LIFFE OPTIONS

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Sep 97	114-24	114-29	114-15	114-21	59407
	Dec 97				114-05	0
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 97	102.81	102.92	102.59	102.76	169058
	Dec 97	101.91	101.91	101.75	101.83	298
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 97	136.16	136.40	135.98	136.26	57596
	Dec 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	29
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 97	124.74	124.74	124.41	124.46	2756
	Dec 97	124.09	124.09	123.97	[illegible]	
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 97	92.84	92.84	92.75	92.80	24279
	Dec 97	92.65	92.66	92.56	92.58	40218
	Mar 98	92.55	92.56	92.46	92.49	22826
Three Mth Euromark	Sep 97	96.65	96.67	96.64	96.64	17135
	Dec 97	96.79	96.79	96.77	96.78	14441
Three Mth Eurolira	Sep 97	93.46	93.49	93.42	93.44	17229
	Dec 97	93.92	93.99	93.84	93.86	10956
Three Mth Euroyen	Dec 97				99.16	0
	Mar 98	99.05	99.05	99.05	99.05	1
Three Mth Euroswiss	Sep 97	98.54	98.55	98.44	98.45	10968
	Dec 97	98.40	98.40	98.29	98.29	8167
Three Mth ECU	Sep 97	95.94	95.95	95.92	95.93	452
	Dec 97	95.93	95.93	[illegible]	95.91	40
FTSE 100	Sep 97	4810.0	4827.0	4766.0	4773.0	11662
	Dec 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	716

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6½ **Finance Hse** 7

Discount Market Loans: O'night high: 6 Low 5½ Week fixed: [illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis): [illegible]

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Local Authority Deps	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	7	[illegible]
Sterling CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	5.72	[illegible]
Building Society CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $[illegible] **Close** $320.90-321.40 **High:** $322.00-322.50 Low $[illegible] **AM:** $[illegible] **PM:** $[illegible]

Krugerrand: $[illegible]

Platinum: $[illegible] **Silver** $4.36 [illegible] **Palladium:** $176.00 [illegible]

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 8	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Copenhagen	[illegible]	11.312-11.322	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Frankfurt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	[illegible]	300.41-300.68	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	[illegible]	251.13-251.45	[illegible]	[illegible]
Milan	[illegible]	[illegible]	5pr-12ds	22pr-1ds
Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oslo	[illegible]	12.420-12.436	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	[illegible]	2.4755-2.4787	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel Premium = pr. Discount = ds

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3386-1.3395
Austria	12.34-12.35
Belgium (Com)	36.23-36.27
Canada	1.3742-1.3747
Denmark	6.6875-6.6905
France	5.9232-5.9252
Germany	1.7560-1.7568
Hong Kong	7.7425-7.7435
Ireland	1.5210-1.5230
Italy	1709.30-1710.80
Japan	112.55-112.65
Malaysia	2.5060-2.5070
Netherlands	1.9769-1.9779
Norway	7.3427-7.3501
Portugal	177.31-177.41
Singapore	1.4370-1.4380
Spain	148.35-148.45
Sweden	7.7576-7.7651
Switzerland	1.4630-1.4640

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6885-1.6912
Australia dollar	2.2611-2.2639
Bahrain dinar	0.6355-0.6405
Brazil real*	1.9175-1.8220
China yuan	13.797-14.097
Cyprus pound	0.8635-0.8735
Finland markka	8.7350-8.8410
Greece drachma	460.75-467.75
Hong Kong dollar	13.0771-13.0826
India rupee	59.77-60.73
Indonesia rupiah	4061.0-4129.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5040-0.5140
Malaysia ringgit	4.2326-4.2368
New Zealand dollar	2.4974-2.5007
Pakistan rupee	67.55 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0650-6.1890
Singapore dollar	2.4271-2.4302
S Africa rand (com)	7.5930-7.6040
U A E dirham	6.1200-6.2440

Barclays Bank GTS * *Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	217	Ladbroke	1,500
ASDA Gp	9,600	Land Secs	1,300
Abbey Ntl	2,800	Legal & Gn	1,300
Allnce & Leic	5,400	Lloyds TSB	9,100
Allied Dom	1,700	LucasVarity	4,300
AB Foods	730	Marks Spr	6,500
BAA	5,500	Mercury Ast	212
BAT Inds	3,300	NatWst Bk	6,600
BG	5,900	Nat Grid	14,200
BOC	781	Nat Power	4,100
BP	10,100	Next	1,700
BSkyB	2,500	Orange	1,100
BTR	8,700	P & O	891
BT	20,400	Pearson	2,600
Bk of Scot	2,200	PowerGen	1,700
Barclays	2,700	Prudential	1,800
Bass	4,000	RMC	324
Blue Circle	5,500	Railtrack	2,500
Boots	2,600	Rank Group	3,800
BAe	1,500	Reckitt Col	1,400
BA	4,700	Reed Intl	1,200
British Land	1,600	Rentokil	3,900
Brit Steel	19,500	Reuters	4,300
Burmah Cstl	357	Rio Tinto	2,800
Cable Wire	6,400	Rolls Royce	11,600
Cadbury	1,700	Royal & Sun	3,700
Carlton Cms	768	Royal Bk Sct	3,400
Centrica	5,400	Safeway	5,200
Cm Union	1,800	Sainsbury	4,100
Dixons	1,100	Schroders	130
EMI	763	Scot & New	1,900
Energy Gp	1,200	Scot Power	1,500
Enterpr Oil	830	Svrn Trent	1,000
GKN	1,500	Shell Trans	10,800
GRE	1,500	Siebe	10,270
GUS	1,400	SmKl Bch	7,200
Gen Acc	1,100	Smiths Inds	680
Gen Elec	21,200	Std Chartd	620
Glaxo Well	3,600	TI Gp	1,900
Granada	2,500	Tate & Lyle	303
Grand Met	3,000	Tesco	4,900
Guinness	1,900	Thames W	402
HSBC	2,700	Tomkins	10,100
Halifax	8,600	Unilever	1,600
Hanson	1,200	Utd Utilities	473
Hays	312	Utd News	1,600
ICI	4,800	Vodafone	4,900
Imp Tob	1,200	Whitbread	998
Kingfisher	4,500	Wolseley	599
LASMO	3,500	Zeneca	2,000

WALL STREET

	Jul 8 midday	Jul 7 close
AMP Inc	43	43
AMR Corp	96	96
AT & T	36	36
Abbott Labs	67	67
Advanced Micro	39	38
Aetna Life	104	104
Ahmanson (HF)	46	46
Air Prod & Chem	84	84
AirTouch Comm	28	28
Albertsons	37	37
Alcan Alumnm	34	34
Allied Signal	86	86
Alum Co of Am	77	78
Amerada Hess	56	56
Amer El Power	42	42
Amer Express	78	78
Amer Genl Corp	49	49
Amer Home Pr	77	77
Amer Intl	155	154
Amer Stores	50	50
Amer Standard	45	46
Ameritech	69	69
Amgen	58	57
Amoco	90	90
Andrew Corp	31	31
Anheuser-Busch	43	43
Apple Computer	13	13
Archer Daniels	23	23
Armco	4	4
Armstrong Wrld	73	73
Asarco	31	31
Atl Richfield	72	72
Atmel Corp	26	26
Auto Data Pro	49	49
Avery Dennison	41	41
Avon Products	75	74
Baker Hughes	42	41
Baltim Gas & El	27	27
Banc One	49	48
BankAmerica	68	67
Bank of NY	46	46
Bankers Tr NY	92	92
Barnett Banks	55	55
Bausch & Lomb	40	40
Baxter Intl	57	57
Becton Dicknsn	55	54
Bell Atlantic	79	75
BellSouth	46	46
Black & Decker	39	39
Block (H&R)	33	34
Boeing	56	55
Boise Cascade	36	35
Boston Scien	67	67
Bristol Myrs Sq	80	80
Browning Ferris	34	34
Brunswick	31	31
Burlington Nthn	93	92
CMS Energy Corp	36	36
CPC Intl	96	95
CSX	55	56
Campbell Soup	47	49
Carolina P&L	35	36
Case Corp	65	65
Caterpillar	108	108
Central & SW	21	21
Champion Intl	57	56
Chase Manhat	102	103
Chevron Corp	79	75
Chrysler	34	33
Chubb Corp	68	67
Cigna Corp	187	185
Citicorp	129	128
Clorox	125	124
Coastal Corp	56	56
Coca Cola	69	69
Coca Cola Ent	23	23
Colgate-Palm	66	65
Columbia Gas	69	68
Columbia/HCA	39	38
Compaq Comp	116	114
Comp Ass Intl	56	56
ConAgra	66	66
Cons Edison	29	29
Cons Nat Gas	55	55
Cooper Inds	51	51
CoreStates	55	55
Corning Inc	56	56
[illegible]	32	31
Crestar Finl	41	41
Crown Cork	55	55
Dana Corp	37	37
Dayton Hudson	55	55
Deere	56	56
Delta Air Lines	89	86
Deluxe Corp	34	34
Digital Equip	36	36
Dillard Dept St	35	34
Disney (Walt)	77	76
Dominion Res	36	36
Donnelley (RR)	37	37
Dover Corp	67	67
Dow Chemical	89	88
Dow Jones	42	42
Dresser	38	39
Duke Power	48	49
Dun & Bradstreet	36	36
Du Pont	63	62
Eastman Chem	62	63
Eastman Kodak	80	79
Eaton Corp	87	86
Edison Intl	24	24
Elect Data Sys	41	41
Emerson Elec	55	56
Engelhard Corp	20	20
Enron Corp	41	41
Entergy	27	27
Ethyl Corp	9	9
Exxon	63	63
FMC Corp	80	80
FPL Group	46	46
Federal Express	60	60
Fifth Third Banc	86	87
First Bk Sys	90	89
Fleet Finl Grp	64	64
Fluor Corp	55	55
Ford Motor	39	39
Fortune Brands	36	36
Franklin Res	74	75
GTE Corp	46	45
Gannett	105	104
Gap Inc Del	38	38
Gen Dynamics	76	79
Gen Electric	69	69
Gen Mills	67	67
Gen Motors	56	56
Gen Reinsurance	191	191
Gen Signal	48	47
Genuine Parts	34	34
Georgia Pac	88	87
Gillette	98	98
Glaxo Wellc ADR	45	44
Goodrich (BF)	44	44
Goodyear Tire	63	63
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26	26
Halliburton	82	82
Harcourt General	48	48
Heinz (HJ)	45	45
Hercules	50	49
Hershey Foods	56	56
Hewlett Packard	57	56
Hilton Hotels	28	28
Home Depot	40	40
Homestake Mng	12	12
Honeywell	79	79
Household Intl	119	118
Houston Inds	21	21
Humana	23	23
ITT Corp	62	61
Ikon Office	26	25
Illinois Tool	52	51
Illinova	23	23
INCO	29	29
Ingersoll Rand	62	61
Inland Steel	27	27
Intel Corp	146	147
IBM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Flav & Fr	50	50
Intl Paper	51	51
James River Va	39	38
Johnson & Jhnsn	65	64
Kellogg	88	88
Kerr-McGee	65	65
Kimberly-Clark	52	52
Kmart	11	11
Knight-Ridder	50	49
Lilly (Eli)	113	111
Limited Inc	19	20
Lincoln Nat	65	65
Litton	49	49
Liz Claiborne	49	49
Lockheed Martin	[illegible]	99
Louisiana Pac	21	20
MCI Comm	43	43
Manpower Inc	47	47
Marriott Int	65	65
Marsh & McLen	73	73
Masco Corp	42	41
May Dept St	49	49
Maytag Corp	26	26
McDonalds	48	48
McDonnell D	71	70
McGraw Hill	61	61
Mead Corp	65	64
Medtronic	90	90
Mellon Bk	48	47
Merck Inc	103	103
Merrill Lynch	62	62
Microsoft	129	129
Minnesota Mine	101	101
Mobil Corp	72	72
Monsanto	47	47
Morgan (JP)	109	109
Motorola Inc	80	80
Natl Semi	32	31
Natl Service Ind	49	49
Navistar Int	18	18
NY Times A	53	52
Newmont Mng	37	37
Niag Mohawk	8	8
Nike B	57	57
NL Industries	15	15
Noram Energy	15	15
Nordstrom	49	49
Norfolk Sthrn	103	102
Nthn State Pwr	52	51
Norwest Corp	59	58
Nynex Corp	57	57
Occidental Pet	25	25
Ohio Edison	22	22
Oracle	49	49
Oryx Energy Co	21	21
Owens Corning	43	43
PPG Industries	58	59
PMI Group	62	62
PNC Bank	43	43
PP&L Res	19	19
Paccar Inc	49	49
Pacificorp	22	22
Pac Enterprises	34	34
Pall Corp	22	22
Parker Hannifin	60	59
Peco Energy	22	22
Penney (JC)	55	54
Pennzoil	72	72
Pepsico	39	39
Pfizer	62	62
Pharm & Upjhn	36	36
Phelps Dodge	84	84
Philip Morris	44	44
Phillips Pet	45	45
Pitney Bowes	70	71
Polaroid	58	57
Procter & Gmbl	146	146
Providian	32	32
Pub Serv E & G	25	25
Quaker Oats	45	45
Ralston Purina	83	83
Raychem Corp	75	75
Raytheon	53	53
Reebok Intl	47	47
Reynolds Metals	71	71
Rockwell Intl	60	59
Rohm & Haas	88	88
Royal Dutch	55	56
Rubbermaid	29	29
SBC Comms	61	62
Safeco Corp	47	47
St Paul's Cos	81	81
Salomon Inc	56	56
Sara Lee Corp	43	43
Schering Plough	50	49
Schlumberger	135	139
Seagram	41	40
Sears Roebuck	59	55
Shell Trans	43	44
Sherwin Wilms	32	32
Silicon Graphics	17	16
Snap-On-Tools	39	39
Southern Co	22	22
Southtrust	41	41
Sprint Corp	52	52
Stanley Works	44	44
Sun Company	32	31
Sun Microsys	38	37
Suntrust	58	57
Supervalu	38	38
Sysco Corp	37	37
TRW Inc	59	59
TCC Inds	2	2
TIG Hldgs	32	32
Tandem Comp	23	23
Tandy Crp	56	56
Temple Inland	59	58
Tenet Healthcare	29	29
Tenneco	44	44
Texaco	114	113
Texas Inst	89	88
Texas Utilities	35	35
Textron	68	68
Thermo Elect	34	34
Time Warner	47	47
Times-Mirror A	57	58
Timken	35	35
Torchmark	73	73
Toys R Us	33	34
Transamerica	95	95
Travelers	68	67
Tribune	49	49
Tyco Int	n/a	77
UST Inc	28	28
UAL	73	73
US Inds	38	38
US West Comm	38	39
US West Media	21	21
USAirways Group	36	36
USX Marathon	29	29
Unicom	22	22
Unilever NV	223	223
Union Camp	52	52
Union Carbide	49	48
Union Pacific	70	70
Unisys Corp	8	8
USF&G Corp	24	24
United Tech	86	86
Unocal Corp	39	37
VF Corp	88	87
Wal-Mart Stores	35	35
Warner-Lambert	134	133
Waste Mngmt	32	32
Wells Fargo	270	270
Westinghouse El	23	23
Weyerhaeuser	53	54
Whirlpool	53	52
Whitman	26	25
Winn Dixie	38	39
Witco Corp	39	39
Woolworth	25	25
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	70	70
Xerox	81	80
Zenith Elect	11	11

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Independent future in store for reinvigorated Debenhams

A dozen years ago, Debenhams lost its independence after one of the most spectacular takeover battles the City had seen. Now the department store group is to be set free once more, a stylishly reinvigorated version of its former self, hoping for a glamorous stock market rating to match.

In 1985, Sir Ralph Halpern was in his heyday at Burtons and the takeover was his biggest deal. It involved an extraordinary cast of City characters including Sir Terence Conran, Lord Harris of Peckham (then Sir Phil), Gerald Ronson, Anthony Parnes, the stockbroker who later achieved notoriety for his role in the Guinness affair, the Fayed brothers and, eventually and at length, a host of DTI inspectors.

It was an extraordinary maelstrom of City intrigue that whipped up around the jaded stores as the determined Sir Ralph pursued his quarry. Robert Thornton, then the chairman of Debenhams, was determined that the group should remain independent. It was trading poorly but had a proud history. From its beginnings as a small draper in Wigmore Street in 1778 it had grown, as Debenham & Freebody, to a chain of more than 60 traditional department stores plus Hamleys toy store and the Harvey Nichols store in Knightsbridge. Sir Ralph, who was still highly respected in the City at that stage, had been thinking of making a bid for some time. He was finally persuaded to move when he teamed up with Sir Terence Conran, who as head of *Habitat-Mothercare was then equally well-viewed as a retailer.*

Under the deal struck between the two men, Sir Terence should have been given the contract to redesign all the Debenhams *stores and 20 per cent of the store space to* himself. His intention was to turn the fuddy-duddy stores, hardly changed from their Debenham & Freebody days, into more exciting gallerias housing masses of small outlets.

The plan could not have been more Eighties, and it was never to reach fruition. After the takeover was done, Habitat-Mothercare merged with British Home Stores to form Storehouse and Sir Ralph decreed that *Sir Terence was a rival rather* than a collaborator. Their agreement was off and the galleria was ditched on the drawing board. But the temporary partnership had gained control, after fancy foot*work that has still never been unravelled to* some spectators' satisfaction.

In the end, it was Gerald Ronson, of Heron International, and Sir Phil *Harris*, then chairman of Harris Queensway, who unexpectedly gave Sir Ralph their support and ensured that the £560 million deal went through. The two men, who had appeared to favour the *Debenhams side, held a 7.9 per cent stake* which, combined with a 5 per cent block of shares mysteriously produced at the last minute by Cazenove, Burton's broker, took Burton's holding to above the magic 50 per cent level. The controversial deal led to an *inquiry by the DTI. It was alleged that* Burton had entered into commercial deals with Heron and Harris Queensway prior to the bid's conclusion. Sir Ralph always denied this and, after the DTI inquiry was *concluded, no further action was taken.*

Although the inquiry had no long-term legal consequences, it was enough to dent Burton's reputation and hurt its share price. Sir Ralph's reputation had already gone far beyond the confines of the City and for all the wrong reasons as his tempestuous affair with Fiona Wright, the model, made tabloid headlines for weeks. More ill-judged expansion and property speculation finally led, in *1990, to his downfall* and he was replaced by Laurence Cooklin.

While much of the Burton Group was falling to pieces in Sir Ralph's last years, he had had the good sense to appoint John Hoerner to run Debenhams in 1987. Hoerner, an American, had been running L S Ayres, the Indianapolis retailer. At Debenhams, by focusing on own-brands and a carefully paced expansion, the business was transformed into a highly successful chain, which now has 92 department stores and room for further growth.

Hoerner's success at Debenhams led to him being offered the job of chief executive *of the whole group* and, just 15 *months after* Cooklin had replaced Sir Ralph, Hoerner took the top job from him.

But while Debenhams has gone from strength to strength, the multiple retailers — *Top Shop, Top Man, Dorothy Perkins,* Evans, Burton Menswear and Principles — have delivered more patchy performances that, the management believes, have hidden the true worth of the department store side.

It is certainly true that, despite the turbulent beginning, 12 years with Burton have left Debenhams in rude health. And even those who contested the bid would now have to admit that it looks particularly good *by comparison with House of Fraser,* of which it so nearly became a part.

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BA strikes at heart of labour relations

Philip Bassett on what is at stake and how the result of the dispute will affect everyone

Bob Ayling believes that BA must beat the strike and make its proposed changes if the airline is to succeed in a highly competitive global market

Labour equals strikes. For thousands of British Airways passengers who will be hit by strike action today, this key Conservative charge in the election *may now be resounding* with new force: the first major industrial dispute since Labour came to government seems to signal the return of *trade union* power with a vengeance.

Eight weeks into a Labour Government, are the unions back and flexing their muscles? And will the British Airways strikes mean that the Conservatives were right — that new Labour means old unions, old strikes, old ways?

In some respects, today's strike by up to 8,700 BA cabin crew who are members of the Transport and General Workers' Union will be done in a *new* way. Picketing huge sites such as London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports, with their multitude of entrances and exits, is almost impossible. So the union is designating this morning's strike a "family day" — turning pickets into picnics, urging striking *members to bring their child*ren along to picket, organising barbecues, blowing up balloons.

Part of this is a clear attempt to win the all-important PR battle. The union wants to convince the public that this is a big, successful company throwing its weight around against a group of employees who are on the side of the passengers. On the other hand, if BA can persuade people to believe that this is a dinosaur trade union, opposing progress and standing in the way of improved competitiveness, then it may bring public opinion on to its side.

But behind the new techniques — Internet sites, call-in phone lines, glossy communications — lies in many ways a highly traditional dispute, even down to the secret, last-minute negotiations taking place yesterday in a Sussex hotel. Faced with tough competitive pressures, BA is seeking extensive changes in the way some *key* staff work. Faced with an employer taking such action, the highly traditional TGWU is resisting. From today the rock and the hard place are meeting.

BA's stance is rooted in the company's business efficiency *programme (BEP), which* Bob Ayling, the chief executive, is seeking to drive through the business. Airlines are highly competitive, global businesses, and BA needs to keep pace, pointing to the new Star alliance between Lufthansa, United, South African and Thai airlines as clear *evidence* of globalisation. "Open skies is here in Europe, and open skies will come in North America," says Charles Gurassa, BA's passenger and cargo business director.

BA's BEP scheme will see £6 billion invested over the next three years in new aircraft, facilities, services, products and training. Included in that is its controversial new corporate identity, at a cost of £2 million — but also 43 new aircraft. As part of the programme, BA is looking for £1 million of cost savings. Jobs are being lost, but BA says it has created 16,000 jobs since privatisation a decade ago, and will be employing a further 2,000 this year. The company has already secured union agreements to change covering *some* 30,000 airline staff in such areas as customer services, world cargo, baggage handling at Heathrow and others.

As a result of the BEP drive, BA is facing two disputes. One, about the sale of its in-flight catering business at Heathrow, may well be on the verge of resolution. *TGWU* ground staff members are balloting now on a new deal, and BA ground staff members of the GMB general union voted this week to accept it. But the other dispute, behind today's 72-hour strike, looks more intractable.

BA reached agreement in the spring on a new deal for stewards and stewardesses with a union called Cabin Crew '89 — a union that broke away from the TGWU in 1989 after sharp policy differences. CC'89 members balloted on the deal, and voted four-to-one to accept it.

The company says the pay restructuring deal, implemented on May 8, will give rises in pensionable pay of between 14 per cent and 24 per cent by consolidating variable earnings into mainstream pay. The TGWU says it may lead to some staff losing money. BA accepts a "minority" *may* lose money, but is offering money-back guarantees to make up the shortfall. The TGWU's cabin crew section, BASSA, called a strike *ballot on its imposition,* and today's action is the result.

Technically, BA employees going on *strike* today *will be* doing so against a deal which they already have in their pay packets. BA is insisting that it cannot negotiate with the TGWU on the deal, since CC'89 has already accepted it, and since cabin crew are already benefiting from it. In fact, TGWU officials did not even see the full text of the agreement until yesterday's talks. George Ryde, TGWU national aviation secretary, accuses BA of operating "virtual reality in a virtual airline."

Swirling around the dispute is some pretty high politics. Bob Ayling, a former government lawyer, is close to some key figures in the Labour leadership. He shared a fiftieth birthday party with Jack Straw, the Home Secretary and a long-time friend and neighbour. Tony Blair unsuccessfully tried to get him to head his No 10 policy unit, a job that the Prime Minister would like to fill with a senior business figure. Mr Ayling is leading the Government's Greenwich Dome Millennium *project, alongside Peter* Mandelson, Mr Blair's closest ministerial adviser. TGWU leaders believe that such close new Labour relationships *mean that BA has all but* complete government sanction in the dispute.

Both BA and the TGWU have been readying themselves for many months for today's strikes. BA has trained and recruited replacement cabin crews. And because of its subdivided bargaining structures, which will mean that many cabin crew are unaffected by today's strike, BA will be able to present to the public today the impression of running many services. But senior BA managers recognise that many services, especially from Heathrow, will be hit hard.

BA has also been wielding a hefty stick. Cabin crew who take part in the strike will be heavily penalised. Staff travel concessions will be withdrawn for the next three years, and strikers will not be considered for promotion until spring 2000. Early retirement and voluntary *severance* options will also be withdrawn from strikers.

Staff going on strike face the prospect of being sacked, and *— for only the second time in a* British industrial dispute — of the company suing them for damages as a result of their breach of contract.

*However, according to Ron*nie Fox, a partner in Fox Williams, the City law firm, BA's chances of success are slim. The previous case, in 1958, concerned a National Coal Board supervisor. The courts found against the NCB *because it could not prove that* there was any loss because the supervisor did not dig the coal himself. BA would have to prove that a particular flight was *cancelled because an individual* member of cabin crew did not turn up for work, something Mr Fox describes as "a massive task".

Even the prospect of strikes tends to deter customers, and send them flocking to book with other airlines — particularly in the holiday season. BA estimates that current lost forward bookings are in line with the £15 million it now says it lost when its pilots threatened strike action a year ago. TGWU estimates from internal BA sources say the actual business loss could already be as high as £100 million.

For the TGWU, the BA dispute is a key test. Not far below the surface, TGWU leaders are deeply worried about the BA dispute — worried their side may crack, that the "intimidation" will work, that the union will lose. Some in the union believe that BA has manoeuvred for its moment: that it wants to bust the union, replacing it with the more compliant CC'89 — although Andy Grey, its president, yesterday accused the TGWU of being a "bunch of lunatics" who were trying to destroy his *rival union.*

For the unions more generally, the dispute is vital too. John Monks, the moderate General Secretary of the TUC, *is already threatening to* mount a consumer boycott of BA, and the TGWU is drawing on international support. A win would demonstrate *union strength* and, *oddly* enough, perhaps increase the likelihood of employers joining the partnership approach to work relations that the TUC and the Government insist that they want to see.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Shareholders retain control

From the President, Eurotunnel Plc

Sir, I write in response to your Commentary *(Business News, July 3).* Based *on facts which I am sure* the Mandataires, Robert Bandinter and Lord Wakeham would confirm, my view is totally different.

Eurotunnel's *shareholders* will in fact retain at least a majority of the enlarged share capital following approval of the *financial restructuring,* so it is not correct to say that "by signing up, the shareholders will finally lose control of the group". *Shareholders may be able* to participate in the forthcoming issue of shares to the banks. If they are able to do so, they will retain a *correspondingly larger* interest in the company.

Furthermore, by exercising the warrants which will be issued following *approval of the financial* restructuring, existing shareholders may be able to continue to retain at least 55.5 per cent of the *shares in future.*

Secondly, if the company performs as expected, there is no reason to expect a further refinancing. The *restructuring plan* has been specifically designed to be robust enough to preclude the need for a further refinancing in all *but a severe downside case.* Therefore, it is not correct to say that the banks "will have to refinance in 1999 or 2000", nor is it correct to say that in any future refinancing the banks "will have enough votes to push the deal through". In any event, it is reasonable to question how many banks are likely still to be shareholders at that stage. Those that are would be bound by the restrictions of French law preventing shareholders voting on matters in which they have a conflict of interest.

Finally, by securing an extension to the concession shareholders will, if they vote in favour of financial restructuring, benefit from an increased share in longer-term profits. It is unreasonable to suggest that the price for an extension of the Concession from 2052 should be a share of dividends as early as 2005. It would be a very unusual transaction for a company to pay the Governments in *advance for the privilege* 50 years later of generating tax revenues for their benefit.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK PONSOLLE,
President,
Eurotunnel Plc,
Cheriton Parc,
Cheriton High Street,
Folkestone, Kent.

Inside job

PRISON does not seem to have dimmed Owen Oyston's entrepreneurial spirit. A year after being sent down for six years for rape, the flamboyant *media and estate agency en*trepreneur was indulging his love of publishing by lending £100,000 to keep the ailing newspaper *Sunday Business* afloat.

The title, in which Pizza Express tycoon Luke Johnson has an interest, was threatened when Group 2000, which owns 75 per cent of the paper, collapsed last week. Edward Klempka, the receiver, told me yesterday that the paper only appeared last weekend because Tom Rubython, its founder, produced a £100,000 cheque on Friday evening. "The paper will survive. The paper will print on Sunday. And the paper will be sold in the next few days," Klempka said confidently.

Chatting to Rubython, it emerges that Oyston, who lost *more than* £200,000 when *Sunday Business* went into administration last summer, was the kind benefactor who lent the money. But will he *lend Rubython enough money* to buy the paper, now Klempka has put the stake up for sale? "Oh, I don't think I'm a player," Rubython tells me. "There's a *huge* offer on the table." Expect news soon.

"Pity they can't produce something more tasty for pets"

● *CREST, the new share dealing service, put out a briefing note with a difference this week. It was about the arrangements for the Woolwich float and the BZW auction. The note arrived, alas, at one baffled regional stockbroker entirely in Greek.*

Not classical Greek, nor yet demotic Greek as she is spoken on the streets of Athens today. Instead, as far as I can tell, it is a direct transliteration of each original English letter. Crest was saying nothing, but I blame a rogue computer program. Quite why anyone would want to write a program that translated English into meaningless cod Greek I cannot say.

Postal code

WELL, stone me! Strike a light! Knock me down with a feather! Merrill Lynch is, wait for it, going to develop the Post Office sorting office in King Edward Street, just north of St Paul's, for its new headquarters. This has been about the worst-kept secret in London for some months, even if the US investment bank has always *refused to confirm it.* As I reported a while back, Merrill even had three British builders producing competing tenders for the site, none of whom would be terribly pleased to have had their time wasted because the Americans have opted for Neasden even if only one has now been selected. The real alternative was Canary Wharf, of course, and I understand that in the light of the troubles of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, now rapidly shedding staff on its way there, this swiftly became a non-alternative.

There were four factors taken into account — cost, what employees wanted, what clients wanted, and accessibility. The Post Office development will cost £400 million. Canary Wharf would have been cheaper; on all three other counts it loses. End of debate.

Taylor away

SPEAKING of BZW's *via dolorosa* down the river to Canary Wharf, I hear another crew member has jumped ship. The pleasant change in the summer weather will therefore be welcomed by Simon Taylor, former electricity analyst there. Taylor, poor soul, is going to have to spend the next three months in the garden, before joining Salomon Brothers at Victoria in the autumn.

● *I WOULD not normally recommend the Chartered Institute of Banking's 50th international banking summer school next week at St John's College, Cambridge, for a little light relief. But Monday's session could be a hoot. Slotted in at 4pm is a paper on "Strategic risk issues in managing capital." It is given by Nick Carter. He works for NatWest Markets. So he is clearly speaking from the heart.*

House red

ON THE menu at Les Saveurs, the awesomely trendy restaurant jointly owned by Marco Pierre White, the temperamental chef, and RF Hotels, Sir Rocco Forte's new venture, there is a bottle of 1989 red burgundy, Domaine de la Romanée Conti. A big bottle, admittedly. It is priced at £45,000. So far no takers, but Forte assures me: "If anyone buys it, I'll come around and serve it myself."

MARTIN WALLER

Forte: no takers for £45,000 tipple

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AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	780.20	830.00	- 0.90	2.29
General Inc	646.30	687.60	- 0.80	2.29
UK Growth Acc	541.60	575.60	- 0.60	2.22
UK Growth Inc	345.90	368.00	- 0.30	2.22
Higher Inc Acc	957.80	1019.00	- 1.10	3.75
Higher Inc Inc	502.50	534.60	- 0.50	3.75
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	220.70	233.00	0.40	5.45
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	94.22	99.50	- 0.18	5.45
Nth America	396.50	421.90	5.00	
Europe	432.80	460.00	- 3.00	
Brit Enrvd	107.60	114.50	0.10	2.39
Brit Fndmtls Acc	132.40	140.90	- 0.20	4.44
Brit Fndmtls Inc	87.38	92.96	- 0.11	4.44
Global Opps	113.30	120.60	- 0.70	
Balanced Acc	70.61	75.34	0.23	2.03
Balanced Inc	65.45	69.63	- 0.22	2.03
Japan Acc	43.29	46.06	- 0.32	
Pac Basin Acc	393.70	418.30	- 5.00	0.69
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilt & Fixed Int	136.10	144.50		6.35
High Inc Equity	208.30	222.80‡		4.35
Worldwide Bond	266.60	282.50	- 0.80	3.93
American Growth	477.10	509.90	- 3.70	0.33
Asian Pacific	338.40	361.90	- 2.70	0.38
Assets & Earnings	326.90	349.60	- 0.60	2.67
Euro Capital Acc	234.00	250.30	+ 0.70	0.80
Extra Inc	42.81	45.63†	+ 0.03	6.43
General	301.60	320.20	- 0.60	2.97
Global Opps	89.97	96.14	0.08	0.46
Japan	102.40	109.50	- 0.60	
Managed Inc	51.32	54.60†	- 0.03	4.12
Marketmnd	189.30	202.50	+ 0.10	1.10
US Emerging Co	189.90	203.00	- 1.70	
Ethical	84.59	89.99†	0.05	2.03
International	151.50	161.20	- 0.60	0.54
Envt Invest & Growth	76.68	81.79†	+ 0.03	4.11
Global Gwth & Ser	76.87	82.05	- 0.07	2.46
Latin America	96.07	102.20	- 0.50	0.38
Capital Res Inc	149.96	159.50	- 0.10	4.62
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
NSP UK Growth	105.70	112.40	- 0.10	2.00
Equity Income	148.20	157.60		3.82
Extra Income	295.10	304.30	0.10	5.94
Smaller Cos	104.70	111.50	- 0.20	1.59
International	129.60	137.80	- 0.40	1.31
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2247.00	2393.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Smlr Inc & Growth	71.80	74.65	- 0.85	
Emerging Mkts	81.72	85.10†	- 0.21	0.11
European	167.91	175.47	- 1.87	
Extra Income #	54.04	56.97†	- 0.04	5.30
Far East Emrg Cos	129.33	134.63†	- 1.56	0.53
Fixed Interest #	25.62	27.66	- 0.01	8.42
Fund Inv Tst #	167.13	175.37†	- 0.85	8.81
Japan	181.28	187.30	- 31	
Latin American	80.77	84.74	+ 0.35	
Pacific	83.11	87.27	- 1.05	0.30
Property Share	81.93	86.05†	- 0.16	1.94
UK Emerging Cos	67.96	73.44†	- 0.36	1.54

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	158.13	170.04†	- 1.11	0.76
UK Equity	107.92	115.29	+ 0.20	2.90
UK Equity & Bd	63.19	66.98	- 0.08	5.38
UK Smlr Cos	52.21	55.85	+ 0.03	1.78
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	852.49	865.37		3.98
Inv Fd Acc	863.45	876.49		
Fxd Int Sec Inc	159.15	159.79		6.95
Fxd Int Sec Acc	162.78	163.44		
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	858.95	871.93		3.97
Investment Acc	4051.38	4112.60		
Fixed Int Inc	131.46	131.98		6.79
Fixed Int Acc	250.07	251.07		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	89.12	93.92	...	5.33
Beck Bio-Tech	37.57	40.77†		
Acorn Ethical Tst	193.07	202.74†		0.45
City Fin Assets	85.17	89.44		1.88
City Fin Intl	95.32	100.09		0.06
Fruits Hse Cap	335.55	356.97†		2.27
Beckley Wrld Gth	152.91	162.08		
Shaw Utilities	73.46	75.05	- 0.05	4.64
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Adviser 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	65.16	69.13	- 0.28	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	91.38	97.21	- 1.05	
Dragon Growth	73.21	78.29	- 1.22	0.22
Equity High Inc	105.01	111.12†	- 0.18	3.43
-do- Accum	156.55	164.60	- 0.26	3.43
Extra Income Inc	27.67	29.17†	+ 0.01	6.49
Extra Income Acc	31.74	33.41	+ 0.01	6.49
European Gwth	79.38	84.00	- 0.55	0.18
Evergreen	33.04	35.33	- 0.50	
General Equity	122.73	129.50	+ 0.40	2.51
Japan Growth	43.59	46.37	- 0.29	
Pedigree Gwth	72.19	76.39	- 0.18	2.03
Pen Sm Cos Inc	38.98	41.25	- 0.18	1.38
-do- Accum	41.75	44.18	- 0.19	1.38
Retirement Inc #	31.43	33.44	- 0.13	5.49
Special Sits	51.78	55.68	- 0.02	2.85
UK & Overseas	69.31	73.34	- 0.46	0.47
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 888 000				
Balanced	77.69	80.92	- 0.11	3.82
Capital	93.86	97.77	- 0.01	2.25
High Income	54.77	57.05	+ 0.02	6.49
Top 50	66.77	69.55	+ 0.11	2.51
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	207.36	216.02	+ 0.77	4.47
Long Gilt	47.14	49.08†	- 0.04	5.71
Monthly Inc Plus	54.01	56.27	+ 0.03	7.96
Preference Share	51.03	53.16†	+ 0.04	7.33
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	152.58	158.95†	+ 0.52	5.64

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	194.30	206.70†	- 3.10	
Income #	242.74	257.59†	- 0.21	4.00
UK Growth	92.67	98.58†	- 0.08	1.88
Intl Growth	94.99	101.05	- 0.85	0.55
Ecology	110.70	117.76	- 0.76	0.74
European	237.97	252.15†	- 2.23	0.20
Far Eastern	232.53	253.80†	- 1.42	
UK Special Sits	62.43	64.51	- 0.06	0.70
Fd of Inv Tsts	59.41	63.37	..	0.54
High Income #	55.98	59.71	- 0.08	4.39
Financial Opps	46.69	51.53	- 0.15	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	122.94	130.78	- 0.75	0.33
Intl Bond	60.82	63.90	- 0.20	4.11
Intl Equity Growth	95.50	101.47	- 0.65	0.44
N Amer Growth	161.80	171.71	- 0.84	0.62
Special Sits Growth	31.74	33.76	- 0.07	2.09
UK Growth	527.35	561.01	- 0.80	2.50
-do- Accum	735.60	782.55	- 1.11	2.50
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1555.70	1577.90	..	2.70
Income #	1127.70	1145.10†	.	4.30

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Maldon General	191.30	196.00†		3.70
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Inc #	100.30	107.40	- 3.00	6.32
M & S Uni Pfolio	137.40	233.50†	- 1.10	2.30
-do- Accum	229.30	246.90†	- 1.40	2.30
UK Sel Pfolio	182.70	192.30†	1.00	2.24
-do- Accum	227.30	239.20†	- 1.20	2.24
UK 100 Cos	141.40	147.40	- 0.80	2.36
-do- Accum	145.00	145.00	- 0.79	2.36
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Fd	73.37	77.99		3.11

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Shares end just above day's lows

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
488	407½	Allied Domecq	490½	- 3	6.7	13.2
626	472½	Bulmer (HP)	477½	...	3.5	14.2
75½	47½	Burn Stewart	48½	...	8.8	12.1
1049	865	Glenmorangie A	972½	...	1.7	24.0
520½	429½	Grand Met	514	+ 2	3.4	19.5
620½	424	Guinness	612½	+ 3	3.3	17.5
388	321½	Highland Dist	331		3.2	15.5
338	235	Matthew Clark	243½	- ½	12.3	11.8
109½	52½	Morland W	85	+ 4½	3.8	8.8
1978½	1482½	SA Breweries	1796½	- 16½	2.1	

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1178½	918½	ABN-AMRO	1103½	- 12½	2.8	
971	710	Abbey Nat	845½	- 31	3.8	14.0
655	532½	Alliance & Leic	612½	- ½	3.3	15.8
503	388½	Allied Irish	503	+ 3½	3.8	14.3
451½	363½	[illegible]	433½	- ¼	4.4	...
4158½	2875	Bank America	4021½	- 25	...	...
432	301½	Bank Scotland	418½	+ 4½	2.5	12.7
1303½	978½	Barclays	1217½	- 14	3.2	12.3
703½	517½	Bk of Ireland	700½	+ 2	2.8	...
7880½	6006½	Citicorp	7646½	+ 16½	...	...
1758½	1268½	Commerzbank	1631¼	- 18½	...	...
862½	559½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	746½	- 18½	0.6	...
3650½	2709½	Deutsche Bk	3509½	- 37½	1.7	...
1131¼	758½	Espirito Santo	1095½	- 3½	3.2	...
947½	594½	Fuji Bank Y	811½	- 10	0.8	...
1973	1272½	HSBC	1962½	- 19½	2.8	16.0
1884½	1245	HSBC HK	1887½	- 17	2.7	16.2
789	714	Halifax	761½	- 8	2.4	22.7
610	483½	Irish Perm	565		2.9	...
705	424	Lloyds TSB	659½	- 14½	2.5	21.0
888½	689½	Nat Aust Bk	850½	+ 2½	4.6	12.1
898½	653½	Nat West	843½	- 37½	4.3	13.7
683½	398	Royal Bk Scott	615½	- 6½	3.9	13.2
1046	881	Stand Chart	975	- 12½	1.9	17.5
2164½	2164½	Wells Fargo	£164½		1.9	
374½	315½	[illegible]	349½	- 1½	4.2	...
373½	300½	Woolwich	301	- 33	3.3	18.0

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1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 1997	[illegible]		7.00	6.77
101½	100¼	Treas 8¾% 1997	[illegible]		8.72	6.80
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	102½	[illegible]	14.65	6.69
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WATER

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
640	532½	Mid Kent Hldgs	575	..	6.5	
883	663	Severn Trent	923½	+ 3	5.2	9.6
2920	2755	South Staffs	2800		3.9	12.7
792½	596½	South West	768½	- 1	6.0	9.5
778½	593½	Thames	727½		5.6	9.6
733½	605½	Utd Utilities	716½	- 9	6.5	12.1
465	344½	Wessex	456½	+ 10	4.9	9.7
457½	375	Yorkshire	423½	+ 2	5.5	9.0

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115½	84½	Abacus Recruit	114½	- 1	0.5	22.1
215	170	Cafe Inns	211½	- 3½	1.4	16.5
230	153½	County Gone	191½	- 1	1.0	17.7
262½	180	Dawson Hldgs	207½		2.9	20.0
51½	36	Freepages	29½	.		...
98½	68½	Megalomedia	97½		0.3	
65	32½	Mercury Corp	33½	- 2		
580	260	Prem Rail	335	- 10	.	..
1365	945	Ranaca Egy	1070	.	0.1	
783	639½	Southern News	747½		[illegible]	24.2
72½	65½	Southern Vectis	72½		3.3	15.6
510	410	Surrey Fr Wins	470	- 5	0.7	32.5
60½	24	Trocadero	24½	- ¼		.

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension. ‡ Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. ▲ Ex rights issue. ▼ Ex all. § Ex capital distribution. * Figures or report awaited. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 Index.

A promising playwright moves up to a first-division venue – and fails. Plus, black comedy is alive but ailing in Dublin

DONALD COOPER

Geraldine McEwan (second from left) and family in playwright Samuel Adamson's disappointing major league debut, *Grace Note*

Mark this down to inexperience

Samuel Adamson's *Clocks and Whistles* brought Dominic Dromgoole's regime at the Bush to a climactic close last year. It was one of that theatre's trademark exercises in urban ennui: a first play by a 26-year-old dramatist that struck us all as precociously sharp about the callow bohemians of West London. It even offered Kate Beckinsale as a Sloaney actress nervily flitting between a gay publisher, a bisexual poet and a sugar-daddy something-or-other.

But can fringe discoveries such as Adamson achieve prominence on the mainstream map? Can they write for theatres as large and traditional as the Old Vic, as well as attics as cramped and pokey as the Bush? It was partly in the hope of proving that this jump could be successfully made that Dromgoole agreed to become Peter Hall's second in command at the Vic, a bright young lieutenant with special responsibility for new drama. But an obvious question arises: is Adamson the right choice for promotion?

On the evidence of *Grace Note*, no, not yet he isn't. True, one problem might have been cured if the hectic turnover of plays at the Vic allowed more than a single preview before opening night. Dromgoole's cast might have realised that more than pub-sized acting was needed if they were to project to seat H9 and points beyond. But inaudibility combined with slack, dull exegesis and none-too-interesting characterisation to send me out for my interval coffee a fretful, irritated man.

Who are these people popping in and out of "Daniel and Ellie's house in West London"? It takes time that should be spent on more rewarding matters to twig just how they are related to Grace, a one-time cellist now slipping in and out of senility. Jennifer and Daniel are the twins she damaged by trying to foist musical careers on them. Jack is the coarser, more robust third child she had by a bassoon player from Idaho. Ellie is the kindly Aussie who has made a marriage of convenience to Daniel, who fancies nice young Nick. Please feel free to take this notice as a crib to the Vic if you see *Grace Note*.

I cannot hugely recommend the journey. The play asks what relatives with money worries of their own should do with and for Grace, in Geraldine McEwan's performance a sly, wayward old lady with a love of Joan Sutherland and a tendency to look a bit like the mad Lucia di Lammermoor, especially when she is flitting round in a white nightdress drinking water out of flower-vases. But the conflicts lack bite. The stakes never seem high. Who cares what her mostly unlovable brood does with Grace?

There are a few funny lines and one hilarious if derivative moment when Holly Aird, exuding warmth and decency as Ellie, concludes that Grace has expired in her chair, only to do a double-somersault when the old girl wakes up and switches TV channels. But such pluses come with decided minuses, prime among which is Adamson's sentimental affection for his protagonist. McEwan brings all her feline skills to the part, purring and noiselessly padding about and mocking others with her Siamese-cat looks. Even so, is her Grace the canny eccentric and charming old card Adamson evidently thinks? I fear I find the alternative view more tenable. She's a silly, forgettable bore.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Two stabs at a killing joke

NEW IRISH DRAMA

MARK O'ROWE has a taste for blood. Whether as a means of adding intensity to his narratives, or simply establishing his hard-boiled Dublin milieu, the young playwright is quick to reach for the deadly weapon, to deal the brutal blow and then watch the consequences unfold as they will.

For Paul (Ger Carey), the man at the centre of O'Rowe's **From Both Hips** (Project at the Mint, Dublin), the consequences have been severe. He has accidentally been shot by Willy (Sean Rocks), a far too green recruit to the drugs squad, in a botched raid, and now returns home to a life that may not, it appears, have been perfect even before the incident that crippled him.

Like Harold Pinter, one of his obvious godfathers, O'Rowe likes to confuse his audience's easy notions of location and milieu, luring them in with suggestions of working-class Dublin, and then slamming and bolting the door behind them with self-consciously theatrical patterns of dialogue and plot.

From Both Hips has ambition, but is short on perseverance. Although it is peppered with enough wriggling absurdity and pointed comedy to intrigue, the play, in a rather curt production from Jim Culleton, loses its way. Tight narrative criss-crosses, fuzzy nuances and surreal details give way to a chest-beating contest with rules as dense as a samurai ritual.

IF O'ROWE has a probing approach to the place of laughter in his view of Dublin life, Brendan O'Carroll has no doubts as to its centrality. Not that this prevents the Dublin writer and stand-up comedian from creating a deceptively resonant piece of theatre in **Grandad's Sure Lilly's Still Alive** (at the Gaiety).

At its base, the play is an Irish re-working of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, with the action transferred to an old people's home. The setting is a clever stroke, allowing O'Carroll to buffer the shock value of his smut by having it voiced by pensioners.

His play refuses the desexualisation of the over-sixties, while at the same time finding a poignant slapstick in the exertions of geriatric sex. Letting loose salvo after salvo of crude humour against the backdrop of the grim netherworld of a retirement home offers an appealingly complex texture to what is, at a very obvious level, a scatological workout, in which characters debate such questions as the difference between sounds made at orgasm and those made on the lavatory.

What O'Carroll has devised is an effective way of dealing with a harsh and ignored aspect of 20th-century life, a period that can never be fully planned. As Charlie, O'Carroll's abandoned geriatric, puts it: "How was I to know I'd live this long?"

LUKE CLANCY

Daniel Rosenthal meets the indefatigable boss of the Hampstead Theatre

The star who stays backstage

MARTIN BEDDALL

Jenny Topper: "I do have an ability to come up with ideas that can help excellent writers become better"

Read and inwardly digest 500 new plays in the next 12 months and you will be following the cultural diet on which Jenny Topper has thrived for the past 20 years. In that time she has worked her way through the mountainous slush piles of just two theatres: the Bush, where she was co-director; and the Hampstead, where she has been artistic director since 1988. Her choice and development of plays has done much to sustain both venues' reputations as immensely fertile nurseries for new writing.

Full-length works by Kevin Elyot, Lucy Gannon, Billy Roche, Tony Kushner and Terry Johnson were among the plays premiered at the Bush between 1978 and 1988; Johnson, Frank McGuinness and Brad Fraser head the list of dramatists whose new writing has been staged, often to award-winning effect, under Topper's Hampstead tenure. Both posts have provided her with "an extraordinarily rewarding existence" which, lottery willing, will soon take an adventurous new dimension.

The Hampstead's latest show provides a fine example of Topper's hands-on approach. Simon Block's second play, *Chimps* — a black comedy about an artistic couple whose life is turned upside-down by a pair of menacing salesmen — was already "in proper shape" when Topper was handed the manuscript by its commissioning producer, Michael Codron.

"*Chimps* was extremely funny and dark. Our literary manager called it 'Kafka meets Ray Cooney meets David Mamet'," Topper explains. "But in the opening exchanges Simon had not created a sufficiently weighted sense of the couple's history to make the ensuing events seem plausible. Our conversations about this and other points saw it through three further drafts.

"I don't have the marvellous ear for dialogue that Simon and some other writers have, and I'm deeply envious of it. I also lack the tremendous emotional and intellectual stamina needed to become a good director. But what I *do* have is an ear for other people's dialogue and an ability to come up with ideas that can help excellent writers become better."

Terry Johnson, four of whose plays have received the Topper treatment, most recently *Dead Funny*, doesn't contradict that assessment. "Her input to my scripts has always been excellent: respectful and incisive in equal measure," he says. "She also keeps her hand firmly on the helm during a play's production, steering you towards the best possible result."

Johnson is equally enthusiastic about Topper's lottery plan for the Hampstead. Provided funding approval and planning permission are given by, respectively, the Arts Council and Camden Council (the Hampstead's two main sources of revenue subsidy), the steeply raked, early Sixties auditorium and adjoining offices would be demolished. In its place, on vacant ground just 200 yards away from the present site, would come a "genuinely unique" venture which has been Topper's goal since before the first lottery tickets were sold.

"From autumn 2000, there would be a 200-seat theatre for the initial runs of our own shows, with the same intimacy as the current, 174-seat auditorium," she explains. "But what makes this project so special is that under the same roof, and serviced by the same staff, we would also have a 400-seat sister theatre to take transfers from the 200-seater, or from places like the Almeida, the Bush, or from venues outside London. We would no longer be a fringe venue with inadequate facilities."

Her desire to transform the Hampstead into a more flexible and, potentially, far more profitable home for contemporary drama goes hand in hand with her passionate belief that to prevent the best young dramatists being seduced by chequebook-waving television producers, "we have to find a way of paying them the same for a play as they can get for an episode of *Casualty*".

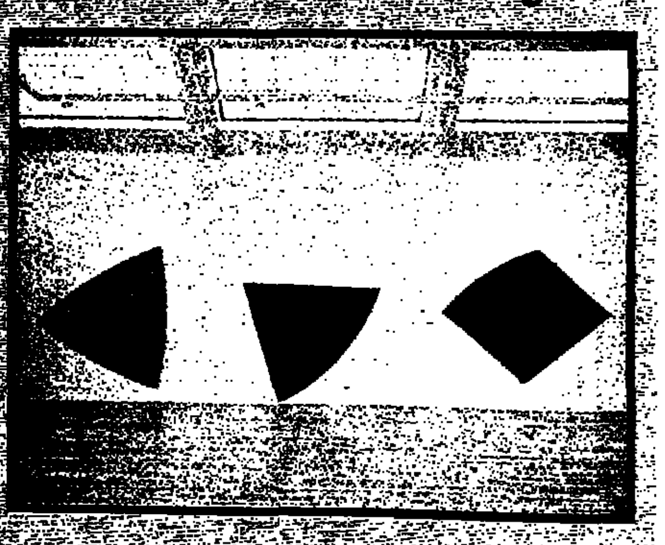
She has trumpeted that message repeatedly since taking over as chairman of the Arts Council's New Writing Committee last year. And it tempers her excitement about the late Nineties' harvest of first-rate new plays. Even if the lottery application were to be turned down, however, she says that the chances of her jumping ship are close to zero. "So long as I can continue to work with good writers," she adds, "the thought of walking away from the Hampstead is unbearable."

● Chimps *previews at the Hampstead Theatre, NW3 (0171-722 9301) from tomorrow*

READER OFFER THE TIMES

Exclusive private view at the Tate Gallery

Readers of *The Times* are invited to an exclusive party, on Tuesday, July 22, to celebrate the Tate Gallery's 100th birthday.



The entire gallery will be open and works on show include special centenary displays, the Turner collection and the current major exhibition of Ellsworth Kelly's works. The party is from 6.30pm-8.30pm.

You will be able to see a selection of 100 works of special interest, two rooms of Victorian and Pre-Raphaelite paintings and Henry Tate's Gift, which tells the fascinating story of the gallery's foundation, with a display of works from the original collection.

The current major exhibition at the Tate focuses on the work of the leading American painter Ellsworth Kelly. This is the first retrospective of this important artist's work in Britain. It includes more than 50 works from 1949 to the present day. Kelly's paintings (see picture) are based on careful observations of the real world, transformed into abstract works of the greatest possible purity of colour, line and form.

Invitations to this unique private view are strictly limited and readers are advised to book early to avoid disappointment. Call First Call on 0171-420 0000. Tickets, which cost £[illegible] per person, include canapés and two glasses of wine.

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Foster takes the green route down the Ruhr

A top British architect is transforming Germany's *grimy industrial heartland.* **Marcus Binney** *reports*

It is the ultimate shotgun marriage: the svelte, lightweight, transparent, squeaky-clean architecture of Sir Norman Foster and the brooding satanic mills, harbours, chimneys and collieries of the Ruhr. Foster moved into Germany as recession struck Britain in the late 1980s, and this summer four new Foster buildings have opened within little more than a dozen miles of each other.

Here he presents Germany with the building of the future: high-tech, automated ... and yet fashionably "green". It doesn't sweep away the Ruhr's mighty industrial heritage, but it does show it off to spectacular advantage.

At Duisburg, Foster was called in to spark the revival of giant flour mills and warehouses beside the largest river harbour in the world, built 100 years ago to bring bread to the workers via a boat-lift opened by the Kaiser himself. Foster has transformed a grainstore into a slick headquarters for the development corporation, with glass partitions contrasting with exposed wooden roof-trusses. Outside, a fountain operated by photo-sensitive cells spurts into action every time the sun comes out.

Near by, Foster has been called in to sow the seeds of a new Silicon Valley, with state-of-the-art facilities for computer geniuses. To soften the bulk of his new Micro Electronic Centre, Foster has designed it as a high-tech version of a roll-top bread bin, with façade and roof forming one continuous dramatic curve of glass and silvered aluminium.

In downpours like those of the past few weeks, the whole front could have become a Niagara, with water cascading over the entrance. But Foster has neatly inserted a series of deep concealed gutters to siphon off all the water. In hot weather, the huge areas of glass are 30 per cent shaded by a grid of steel rungs which ingeniously double as a cleaning ladder. And the rear wall, facing west, is equally high-tech, shaded by banks of piston-operated external blinds, shaped like aerofoils and sturdy enough to withstand hurricane force winds.

Once inside you wonder why the atria are wedge-shaped. "The Germans have very strict daylighting laws and this brings the maximum natural light into the offices," says Foster's partner, David Nelson. The lightweight roof is supported by the slenderest of concrete columns. "Our German engineer Reinhold Meyer gives us skinnier columns than we get in England," says Paul Kalkhoven, Foster's Dutch associate. "But so far, nothing fell down."

Thanks to Germany's well-established "green" policies, fully air-conditioned offices are on the way out. "Instead of pumping cold air round, we pump chilled water," says Nelson. What might be large light fittings are shiny metal ceiling water-chiller units. "It's critical to control humidity levels, otherwise they would drip on people working below," adds Kalkhoven.

In most modern office buildings, the concrete structure is entirely hidden behind suspended ceilings and wall panels. Foster believes that the thermal mass of the concrete, if exposed, will ensure the building heats up more slowly in the day and cool less rapidly at night. He is helped by the fact that the Germans have perfected a slab concrete ceiling system that does not need the usual ugly concrete beams to support it.

For those who want something smarter than exposed concrete, Foster provides suspended panels of white cotton, like trampolines, with space between for lights and sprinklers. And inside the door to each room is a nine-button panel that enables you to switch on front or back lights according to need, operate the underfloor heating to choice, and open and close external blinds.

At Mülheim, meanwhile, Foster has doubled the size of the headquarters of Agiplan, a firm of factory planners. "We have six architects on our staff who could have done a great job, but if we'd chosen one, we would have offended all the others," says the company's Gunther Bergmann. Inside, Foster has done his best-ever staircase. It is dubbed the Skywalk, rising in one straight line from bottom to top, hanging free of the walls, with open treads and glass balustrades.

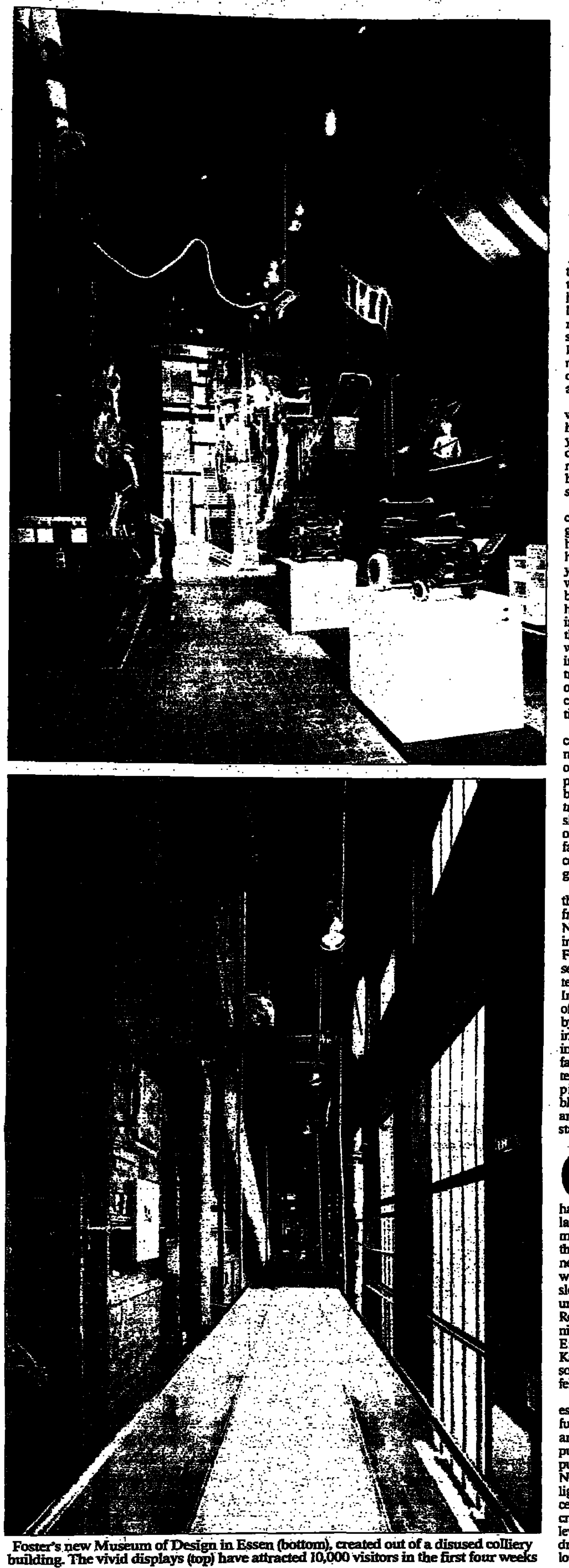
As soon as the glass roof begins to heat up, a cotton velarium, such as the ancient Romans put over their theatres, glides across the roof. Every window in the building is motorised, programmed with Teutonic precision to air the building between 7.15 and 7.45 in the morning, and to shut automatically at 7.45 in the evening.

But Foster's biggest surprise is the new Museum of Design in Essen. Here the 1932 colliery buildings, though completed before Hitler seized power, are so gargantuan that they were actually used as a backdrop for Nazi rallies. Smooth walls of brown brick, framed by rust-red painted steel, conceal the fact that the main building is one huge boilerhouse filled to the roof with vast furnaces, coal-elevators, coal-shutes, conveyor-belts, gangways and miles of copper tubes. "It's enough to give you lung cancer by looking at it," exclaimed one of my companions.

Foster, to his everlasting credit, has retained not only the machinery, but the whole ethos of the place. He has created a piece of sculpture such as Rachel Whiteread could only dream of. Asbestos and dust have been removed but the patina remains. "I call it the Raw Lemon Aesthetic, like biting into a cold sharp lemon," says Nelson. One vast boiler has been preserved intact, the backs of the others have been cut out to create two tiers of galleries, exposing more bristling pipework in the process.

To draw attention to the displays, the curator has resorted to every trick — up-ended cars, rotating showcases, fabrics displayed like flying carpets, kitchen tops stuck in coal-hoppers, accompanied by pulsating electronic music. But it works. It has attracted 10,000 visitors in the first four weeks.

Here, as in his Royal Academy galleries, Foster shows that modernism, rigorously applied, can transform old buildings without destroying them — indeed, barely touching them. New Foster elements such as walkways, staircases and floors hang largely free of the structure and the machinery. Whether it is a curator's dream or a nightmare, Foster has ensured the greatest exhibit is the boilerhouse itself, transforming the Ruhr's rusting heritage into a stupendous work of art.



Foster's new Museum of Design in Essen (bottom), created out of a disused colliery building. The vivid displays (top) have attracted 10,000 visitors in the first four weeks

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

GARY WILLIAMS

Age: 26

Who is he? A Grimsby-born crooner for the Nineties. He brings his acclaimed standards show to the Covent Garden cabaret, Centre Stage, on Friday.

Is there still an audience for Jerome Kern and Irving Berlin? Why not? Look at the success of Harry Connick Jr and his swing big band. Williams's mature vocals have already won over older hands such as DJ David Jacobs, and he is determined to build up the same youth following as young Harry.

Early influences: His earliest memory is hearing his parents' copy of the Frank Sinatra-Nelson Riddle album *Nice 'n Easy*. A youthful stint in amateur dramatics — singing *Guys and Dolls*, *West Side Story* and the rest — introduced him to more classics from the Great American Songbook.

Then the working men's clubs beckoned? Yes, a hard slog across the lower reaches of the variety circuit. His first break came with a gig with the BBC Big Band in Hull in November 1995. "It was the first time I'd sung in front of any big band; I was absolutely terrified."

So it's been a steep learning curve since then? Exactly. When he was invited to take part in a BBC tribute to the American crooner Vic Damone, he didn't have the heart to admit that he had *never heard of him*.

Any recordings yet? He's taken part in an all-star tribute to Frank Loesser and Jule Styne, headed by Barbara Dickson, Gary Wilmot and Ron Moody. He has also put out his own disc, *Lullaby of Broadway*, a low-budget but exuberant journey through Tin Pan Alley.

What's next? Williams wants to work on adding a more contemporary mood to the standard repertoire — without alienating older listeners: "Barbara Dickson gave me good advice when she told me there's no point singing a number if you don't bring something different to it."

CLIVE DAVIS

MUSIC: **Hilary Finch** on a magical bicentenary Schubertiade in Austria

Leader in the Lieder business

During the decade leading up to this year's great Schubert jubilee, the annual Schubertiade in the Alpine foothills of Austria's Vorarlberg has been expanding almost beyond recognition. In the early days, a select company of cognoscenti would gather in the tiny courtyard of the Palasthof in the village of Hohenems.

Now, the nearby medieval town of Feldkirch, with its 1,000-seater Montforthaus and Music Conservatory, hosts what is a major festival, this year heady with Schubert's 200th birthday celebrations. And although Schubert never visited this tip of Austria, Feldkirch provides the most Schubertian of settings, with a glacial river, a watermill, linden trees, and even a forest conveniently situated to form an outdoor stage for the festival's *Musik im grünen* concert series.

The air was certainly vibrant. As Robert Holl prepared for his performance of *Die Schöne Müllerin* the rushing *Bächlein* was in full spate, and an excited whispering disclosed the presence of a diminutive elderly lady who was a descendent of none other than Schubert's brother, Ferdinand!

Nothing, though, could equal the thrill of Holl's performance. The Dutch bass-baritone gives every atom of himself to the work in hand: robustly meshing with Rudolf Jansen's superb piano playing, the voice movingly relived every moment of the young miller's unrequited love. There should have been no encores after this; but the Feldkirch audience is insatiable, and Holl obliged with the single perfect sequel: Schubert's visionary *Im Abendrot*.

Alfred Brendel gave a piano recital of comparable stature and, after one of his finest ever performances of Schubert's last piano sonata, was also pestered for encores. I ran for cover: after such a revelatory performance, every bit as rich and strange as Brendel's late Liszt, it was impossible to listen to another note. Brendel's D537 Sonata, and Four Impromptus earlier in the evening, had also found him in relaxed yet minutely concentrated form.

The Feldkirch Schubertiade has always taken the nurturing of young talent every bit as seriously as the assembling of the great. A new little May Schubertiade in the nearby Schloss Achberg is devoted entirely to these *Junge Meister*, and one of them — thanks to the sudden indisposition of Thomas Hampson — found himself unexpectedly projected to the footlights in a sold-out Montforthaus. Stephan Genz (who made a memorable Wigmore Hall debut last March) sang a fast, ardent *Winterreise*, teeming with ideas, occasionally technically insecure, but received with warm applause.

Schubert: celebrated in song and with exhibitions

Around him, in the hall's foyers, hung countless images of *Winterreise*: the festival had commissioned 11 Austrian and German artists to interpret Schubert's song-cycle in *Bilder-Zyklen* of their own. Expressionistic woodcuts, fine pencil drawings, and dark visions in charcoal and chalk took their place in a display of iconography and hagiography dominated by an impressive pair of exhibitions in Schloss Achberg and in the Stadtmuseum of nearby Lindau. A loving survey of Schubert's life was complemented by posterity's view of the composer: Franzl's spectacles dangled above the manuscript of *Die Forelle*; the Viennese postcard-kitsch of Otto Novak gave way to the canvases of Fischer-Dieskau himself.

Back in Feldkirch, another young baritone and pupil of Fischer-Dieskau, Dietrich Henschel, eloquently performed two arias each from Schubert's operas *Die Zwillingsbrüder* and *Alfonso und Estrella*, with the Camerata Academica of Salzburg conducted by Pinchas Steinberg. That evening close-focused the festival's single but serious shortcoming: in their new venues, a concert or semi-staged performance of one of the composer's many problematic but unnecessarily neglected operas should surely not have been beyond their financial or artistic resources.

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

BT NATIONAL CONNECTIONS: A four-way partnership between the National Theatre, youth theatre companies, ten regional theatres and BT, this year's showcase for youth theatre at the National features 12 plays by new writing talent. Transfers to the Olivier for performances on July 14, 15.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Today-Sat, 7pm.

MELVYN TAN: The distinguished fortepianist switches to modern piano for the first time, playing Chopin and Schumann.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 8pm. 🅂

SHE KNOWS YOU KNOW! The story of Hylda Baker, music hall star but (putting it mildly) a difficult woman, written and performed by Jean Fergusson, the bike-riding Marina of *Last of the Summer Wine*.
Bridewell, Bride Lane, off Fleet Street, EC4 (0171-936 3456). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat (except July 14), 7.30pm; mat Sun, 3.30pm. Until July 22.

SUNDSVALL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: The trombonist Christian Lindberg joins the Swedish ensemble for Jan Sandstorm's *Wahlberg Variations*. The programme includes music by Rossini, Karolina Eriksdottir, Lasse Thoresen and Beethoven.
Blackheath Concert Halls, Lee Road, SE3 (0181-463 0100). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: André Thomas conducts the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** in a concert of gospel and spiritual songs, including *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*, with specially arranged symphonic accompaniment. With Vayu Naidu as the story-teller, the Florida State University Singers and massed choirs of more than 100 local singers.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-236 4455). Tonight, 7.30pm. 🅂

GLASGOW: Ghostown presents the Scottish premiere of Harold Pinter's mesmeric and disturbing drama, **Ashes to Ashes**, with Jennifer Black and Forbes Masson. There is a post-show talk after this evening's show by Liz Cameron on behalf of Amnesty International, to whom proceeds from this production are being donated.
Tron, 63 Trongate (0141-552 4267). Tonight-Sun, 8pm 🅂

Melvyn Tan plays modern piano at Wigmore Hall

HENLEY-ON-THAMES: The **Henley Festival** of Music and the Arts begins this evening at 6pm, and features a gala concert on the floating stage from 8.30pm. Lesley Garrett returns to Henley with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Peter Robinson conducts a programme that includes hits from Garrett's *Soprano in Red* and *Soprano in Hollywood* albums. The festival continues until Saturday inclusive.
Box Office (01491 411353)

WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON: Today's festival events include a concert of jazz music by the Apollon String Quartet and Mozart Quartet in the Royal Pump Room, Leamington Spa (1pm). In the evening (7.30pm), Heartbreak Productions presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in the grounds of Warwick Castle. Alternatively, the King's Consort and Choir of New College, Oxford, travel from the York Early Music Festival to perform Handel's *Belshazzar* in St Mary's Church, Warwick (7.45pm).
Festival Box Office (01926 496277).

LONDON GALLERIES

Camden Arts Centre: Oliver Herring: Sculpture (0171-435 2643) . . . **Curwen**: Ruth Martin; Josef Herman (0171-636 1459) . . . **Design Museum**: The Power of Erotic Design (0171-378 6055) . . . **Dulwich Picture**: Stephen Cox (0181-693 5254) . . . **Gallery K**: Samios 97 (0171-794 4949) . . . **Goethe-Institut**: Home Ext (0171-411 3400) . . . **Gordon Reece**: Abstraction in Tribal Art (0171-439 0007) . . . **National**: Seurat and the Bathers (0171-747 2885) . . . **Rebecca Hossack**: The Milky Way Dreaming (0171-436 4899) . . . **Royal Academy**: 229th Summer Exhibition (0171-439 7438) . . . **Wolseley Fine Arts**: Garden Sculpture (0171-792 2788)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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▨ **THE HERBAL BED**: Peter Whelan's fascinating play. Teresa Banham plays Shakespeare's daughter and Stephen Boxer her Puritan inquisitor.
Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **THE MAIDS**: Niamh Cusack and Kerry Fox play the title roles, with Josette Simon as their adored and hated mistress, in Genet's sometimes compelling drama of obsession.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **MARLENE**: Siân Phillips gives an attractive performance as the singer with the golden sheath dress.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**: Rachel Kavanaugh's delightful production, alert to the comedy and the mystery. Edwardian costumes.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Tonight and tomorrow, 2.30pm and 8pm. In rep with *All's Well That Ends Well*.

☐ **SKYLIGHT**: David Hare's witty and cogent play showing two moralities at odds, either the worldly-wise opposed to the idealistic, or perhaps the cynical matching the deluded. Now with Bill Nighy and Stella Gonet, directed by Richard Eyre.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE**: Subtitled "The Songs of Leiber and Stoller". Hit Broadway compilation show celebrating a successful songwriting team, responsible for *Hound Dog*, *Jailhouse Rock* and *Spanish Harlem*.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

▨ **TOM AND CLEM**: Alec McCowen (Attlee) and Michael Gambon (Driberg), sorting out the world at Potsdam.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6007). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Until July 26.

☐ **TWILIGHT OF THE GOLDS**: Controversial play from Broadway by Jonathan Tolins in which a gay opera designer (Jason Gould) learns that his scientist brother-in-law (Mark Hadfield) has discovered his baby will be gay. Shall he abort it? Polly James directs.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 2132). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Until August 2.

■ **WAITING FOR GODOT**: Peter Hall, who directed the British premiere in 1955, directs Alan Howard and Ben Kingsley in a revival of Beckett's drama.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 2651). Tonight, 7.30pm. In rep.

☐ **THE WEIR**: Conor McPherson's latest play is set in a bar in rural Ireland: the talk turns to ghosts, of which one girl (Julia Ford) turns out to have first-hand knowledge. Ian Rickson directs.
Royal Court (Ambassadors), West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8.30pm.

▨ **THE WINTER'S TALE**: David Freeman directs a modern dress production on the olde-style stage. Nicholas Le Prevost plays the mischievous Autolycus.
Shakespeare's Globe, Bankside, SE1 (0171-401 9919). Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. In rep with *Henry V*.

☐ **WISHBONES**: New play by Lucinda Coxon, author of *Waiting at the Water's Edge*. Simon Usher directs Amelda Brown and Madeleine Newton as two childhood friends whose meeting as adults awakens old fantasies.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until July 12.

LONG RUNNERS

▨ **Grease**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) . . ▨ **An Inspector Calls**: Garrick (0171-494 5085) . . ☐ **Jesus Christ Superstar**: Lyceum (0171-656 1807) . . ☐ **Martin Guerre**: Prince Edward (0171-447 5400) . . ▨ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) ▨ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . ▨ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . . ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **CITY OF INDUSTRY** (18): Pretentious tale of criminals falling out in LA. With Harvey Keitel and Stephen Dorff. Director, John Irvin.
Ritzy (0171-737 2121) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

JOUR DE FETE (U): French postman emulates American methods. Joyous revival of Jacques Tati's first feature (1948), restored in colour.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721)

◆ **ONE FINE DAY** (15): Two single parents juggle kids and careers. Beguiling comedy with George Clooney and Michelle Pfeiffer. Director, Michael Hoffman.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Leicester Square** (0181-315 4215) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

THE QUEST (18): Martial arts nonsense set in 1920s Tibet. Jean-Claude Van Damme directs and stars.
Plaza (0990-888 990)

◆ **RUMBLE IN THE BRONX** (15): Hong Kong cop hits trouble in New York. Rousing but dishevelled vehicle for action superstar Jackie Chan.
Virgin Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

UNHOOK THE STARS (15): Middle-aged widow has time on her hands. Uneven but worthwhile drama with Gena Rowlands and Marisa Tomei. Director, Nick Cassavetes.
ABCs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366)

CURRENT

◆ **BATMAN & ROBIN** (PG): Schwarzenegger's Mr Freeze tries to hold Gotham to ransom. Exhausting epic, with George Clooney, Chris O'Donnell and Uma Thurman. Director, Joel Schumacher.
ABCs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** 🅂 (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Notting Hill Coronet** 🅂 (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

BIG NIGHT (15): Tribulations at an Italian restaurant. Thoughtful drama, with Stanley Tucci, Tony Shalhoub, Ian Holm.
ABC Panton Street (0171-930 0631) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **CON AIR** (15): Nasty prisoners hijack their plane. Ferocious rollercoaster ride, with Nicolas Cage.
Greenwich (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **West End** (0181-315 4221) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **CRASH** (18): David Cronenberg explores the connection between car crashes and sex. Chilly exercise in perversity, from J.G. Ballard's novel.
ABCs: Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0181-315 4214)

◆ **LIAR LIAR** (12): Lawyer Jim Carrey tells the truth for 24 hours.
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◆ **LOVE JONES** (15): Modern courtship among Chicago's blacks, with Larenz Tate and Nia Long.
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◆ **PRIVATE PARTS** (18): Amusing portrait of outrageous radio personality Howard Stern's rise to fame.
ABC Piccadilly (0171-437 3561) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

Star trumpet players on top form in London and Birmingham; Alice Cooper in theatrical mood

King of the trumpet: after 40 years, Herb Alpert (centre) is still an active player in the popular music business

Blowing fireworks

Herb Alpert
Empire, W12

Twelve months ago Herb Alpert dipped a toe into the British audience pool for the first time in 22 years. He found the waters so welcoming that he went home to tell his pals and dive back into the same resort a year on.

Last July Alpert brought a six-piece band and played a delightfully intimate show at the Jazz Café. Suitably emboldened, he returned to London last Friday for an Independence Day fiesta at an all-seated Empire. With the July 4 musical fireworks on display, it did not stay all-seated for long.

At 62, and an active player in the industry for 40 years, Alpert remains a remarkably productive musician. *Passion Dance*, his latest release for Almo Sounds, comes just a year after his last set for the label, *Second Wind*. Alpert founded Almo in 1994 with his lifelong business partner Jerry Moss, with whom he had created the tapestry of contemporary music that was A&M Records.

Moss, in the audience here, must have marvelled at his friend's relaxed, artful performance and urbane stewardship of a brilliant ensemble. Alpert calls this group the best he has ever worked with, a testimonial worth having from an artist whose Tijuana Brass once helped him to four simultaneous Top Ten albums in America in his dizzying successful days of the mid-1960s.

The trumpet king's latin affair is aroused afresh on *Passion Dance*, an affectionate embrace of the irresistible rhythms that became Alpert's hallmark in that halcyon period. Marvellous musicians from Cuba, Peru and Colombia ignited the evening, as they did the album, with the Latin American virtuoso's inimitable skill of playing as if his life depended on it — and also of whipping up a real carnival atmosphere in the process.

The band opened in a veritable Brazilian raindance of instrumentation before the svelte Alpert shuffled in to the contagiously funky introduction of *Rise*. Thereafter the focus was firmly on the new album, with passionate contributions indeed from fellow trumpeter Humberto Ramirez, pianist Joe Rotondi Jr, keyboard player Otmaro Ruiz and the entire high-octane collective.

With the mood created by pieces like *Que Pasa Mr Jones?* and *Baila Conmigo (Dance With Me)*, a medley of 1960s hits was a bonus rather than a necessity. But the group made this another triumph with inventively sympathetic rearrangements of *Spanish Flea*, *A Taste Of Honey*, *Tijuana Taxi* and the rest. Alpert encored incongruously but endearingly with *This Guy's In Love With You*, one more ingredient in a recipe of mixed Herbs and latin spices.

PAUL SEXTON

Familiarity breeds content

JAZZ

Clark Terry
Birmingham

More often than not, the headliners on today's jazz festivals breeze into town at the last minute, play a perfunctory set and breeze out again en route to the next town and the next festival. In a refreshing departure from fashion, this year's HMV Birmingham Jazz Festival featured its principal attraction, trumpeter Clark Terry's Quintet, for four successive nights at Ronnie Scott's.

The benefits were immediately obvious. The band was relaxed and settled and, as the residency went on, comfortably took the measure of the room and its audience. Nevertheless, there was no sense of relaxing too far. From the first notes, the attack of the whole group was aggressive and cohesive, anchored by the crisp drumming of Sylvia Cuenca.

She has been in the quintet for four years, after recording with the Vienna Art Orchestra and Ron McClure. Her rapid tempo changes on *Mood Indigo* proved that she has become one of Terry's most adroit accompanists.

Pianist Don Friedman's association with Terry goes back to the early 1970s. With Cuenca and bassist Marcus McLaurie he provided consistently well thought-out backing for the frontline musicians, seasoned with some unaccompanied piano choruses that varied the rhythmic and tonal mix.

The saxophonist David Glasser has matured into a strong individual jazz voice. He sits firmly in the post-Charlie Parker school, but with a strong blues tinge that develops the style of altoists such as Lou Donaldson and Leo Wright. He is a perfect counterpart for Terry, their ensemble passages merging into a single voice, providing neat punctuations between the rhythm solos, including intricate quotes that dissolved into delighted guffaws from the leader.

With so tight a band, a lesser trumpeter might have been tempted, to coast through his sets. Terry, however, is every bit the star, and produced some powerful playing. The growl of his plunger-muted trumpet solo on *I Want a Little Girl* echoed his work with Duke Ellington, while his flurries of notes on flugelhorn contrasted explosive phrases with long passages that dropped almost to a whisper. This was the Clark Terry of old, and the virtuoso brass player his audience had come to hear and cheer.

He revelled in being the showman, from urbane announcements to his outrageous vocals, even turning adversity into a virtue when a clicking flugelhorn valve was brought to the mike as an *ad hoc* percussion effect. Full marks to Birmingham for creating the ideal setting to hear him stretch out as a soloist, and for bringing in a complete and well-drilled working band rather than an all-star collection of soloists lacking such cohesion.

ALYN SHIPTON

Ham cuts the mustard

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I HAD expected an audience of young goths, seduced by Placebo and Marilyn Manson, to pay homage to a founding member of the Big Blokes in Mascara club. Instead, this is a night out for those who remember him from the first time around, punching the air to the prehistoric strains of *Eighteen*. To the left a group of women looking like Gwen Taylor's character from the TV series *Duty Free* sings back to Cooper as he points the microphone at the Apollo audience: "I'm 18 and I like it." Ironies pile up like cars on a motorway.

Cooper is dressed in a big girl's blouse and leather pants. He doesn't look bad, considering he spent a good deal of the 1970s drinking the likes of Keith Moon and John Lennon under the table.

He tears through spirited renditions of his horror metal classics. Each song has a cheap prop to accompany it. Like a children's party magician he has a big box at the back of the stage full of scarves and walking sticks. Gone, though, are the days of guillotines and fake blood. For *Billion Dollar Babies* a simple cutlass decorated with dollar bills suffices. His young backing band thunders away, grimacing as though they are undergoing surgery without benefit of anaesthetic during the guitar solos. I laugh, but then realise that such rock god posturing is no worse than that purveyed by the likes of the Seahorses.

Cooper then dives into the cloud bank of mid-career tedium that makes up the bulk of the show, the songs he recorded at the time when upstarts such as Mötley Crüe had stolen his make-up and his thunder. He sits on a bin to sing the appalling ballad *Only Women Bleed*. His facial expressions — from cynical sneers to hatred and disgust — hardly make him Laurence Olivier, but his famed sense of the theatrical keeps us going.

Just as I'm nodding off, he launches into *Gutter Cats vs the Jets*, complete with a stage full of thick-set extras and a gang fight which Cooper wins during a "he's-behind-you" setpiece lit by flickering strobes. Men in white coats appear and put him in a straitjacket for *The Ballad of Dwight Fry*. Thankfully, he breaks free for *School's Out* and a stirring *Elected*.

Most of the audience, sensing that his biggest British hit has been saved for the end, clears off quickly so as not to have to pay the babysitter for an extra hour. And, let's face it, the old man has made some old men and women very happy.

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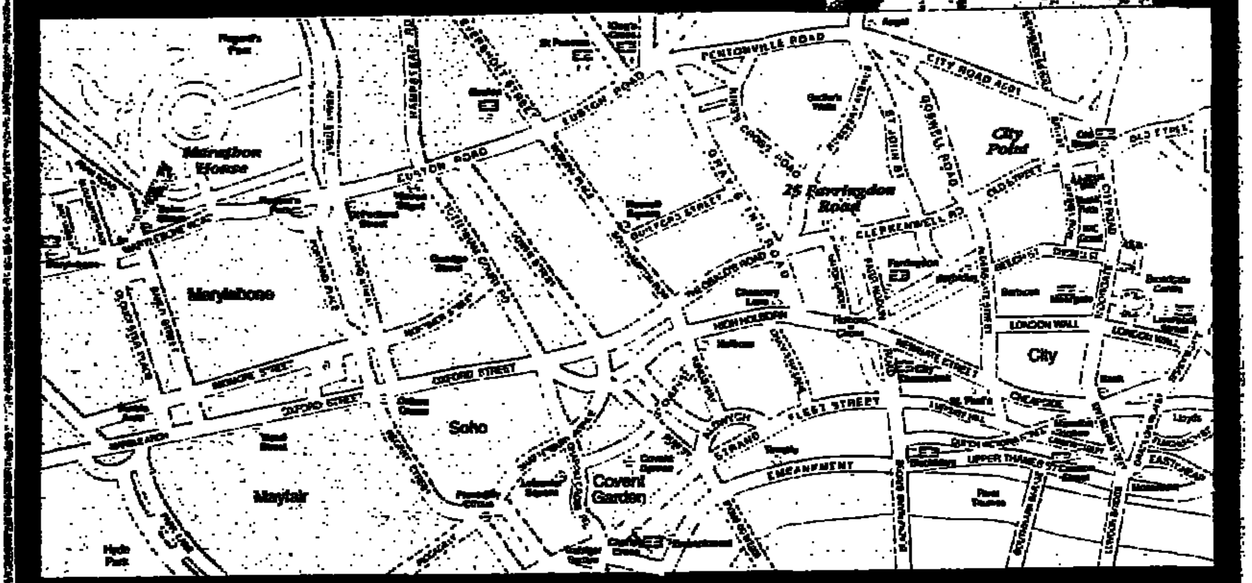

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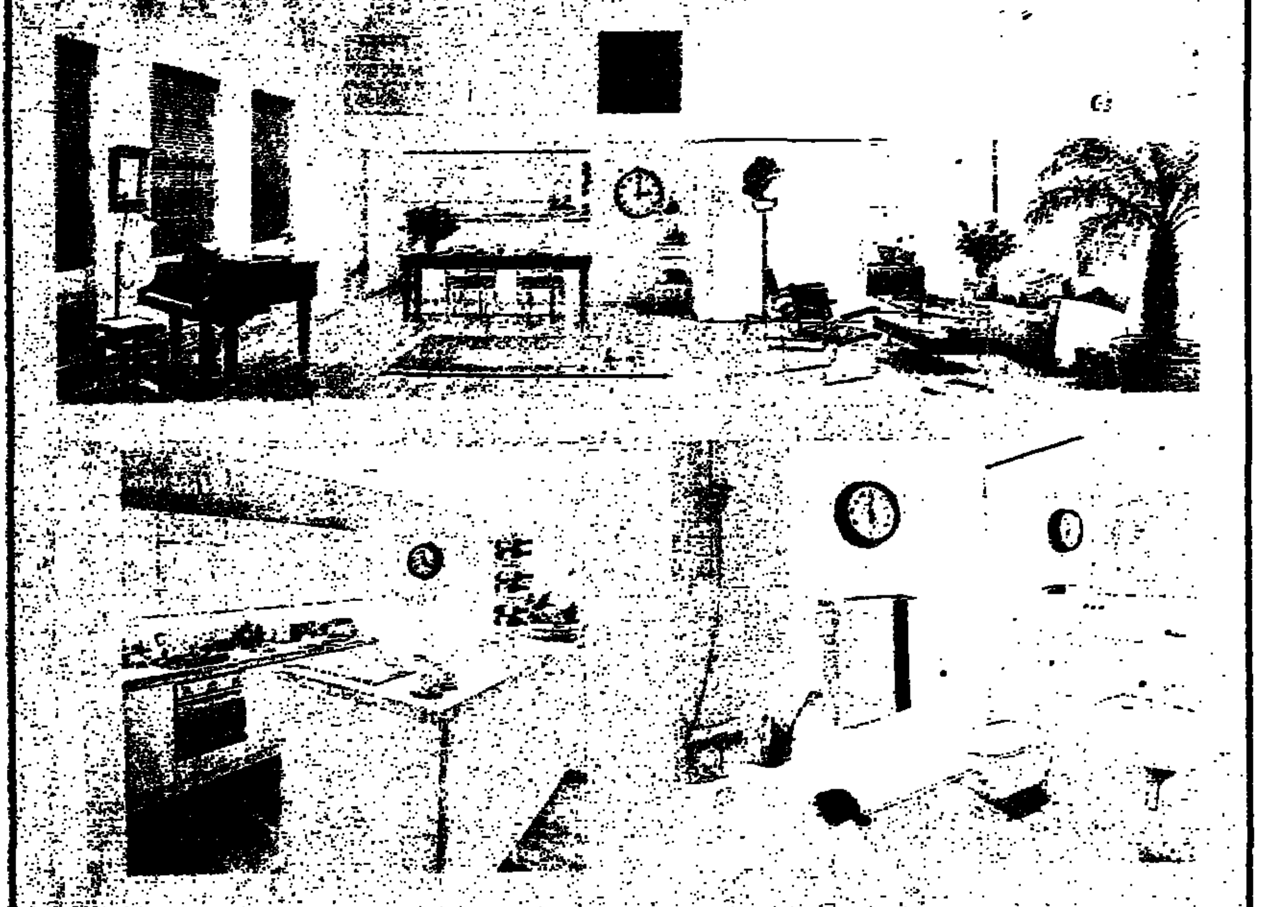

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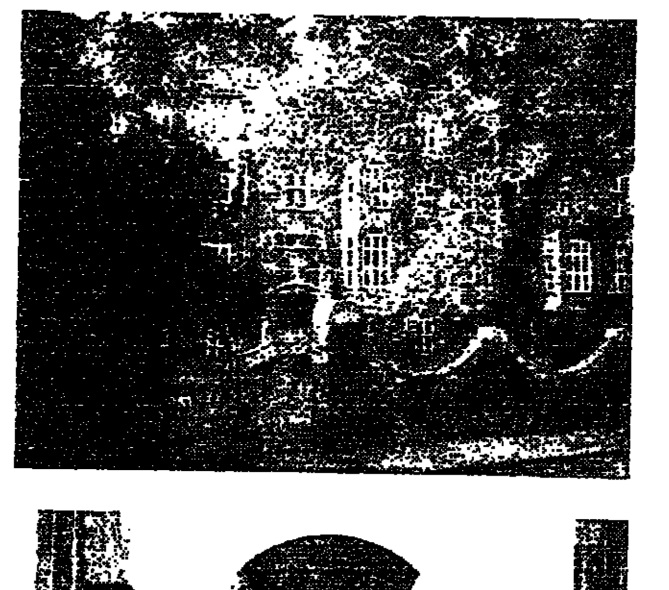

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The former St Andrew's School at Shandon, in Argyll and Bute, left, and Broadoaks, a house, dairy and stables in greenbelt country at West Byfleet, Surrey, are among the more substantial surplus Defence properties for sale

Services property offers bargains for the bold

Fancy a hangar? Defence buildings present intriguing options for adventurous buyers, **Michael Evans** reports

The Ministry of Defence is one of Britain's biggest property owners. Its inventory includes historic buildings, official residences for senior officers, married quarters, estates, wooded cottages and the odd hangar and church. Now it is offering many of those buildings for sale, presenting an intriguing opportunity for potential housebuyers and developers.

The MoD owns about 1,300 sites containing more than 90,000 buildings, including the monolithic 1950s headquarters in Whitehall — which is not for sale, although there are plans for the private sector to refurbish it and to manage and maintain it.

Brian Hirst, chief executive of the MoD's Defence Estate Organisation, says the ministry owns 65 million sq metres of floor space, the equivalent to 300 big shopping centres.

The average househunter might not normally consider turning to the MoD for a bargain. Only the truly ambitious would be interested in buying an obsolete RAF base or a decaying Army barracks, and only the truly visionary would know how to convert an aircraft hangar to something habitable.

However, there are bargains to be had, although the best are likely to be in remote areas. A good example is the sale of 90 houses on the Outer Hebrides island of Benbecula. The MoD is so desperate to get rid of them that a visitor with a chequebook could almost name his or her price.

Benbecula is a tiny island with a diminishing military presence where the three Services carry out live firing by launching missiles and shells out to sea from a coastal range. The firings are a considerable distance from the 90 homes for sale and in every other respect, a purchase of one of the empty MoD married quarters would offer the more intrepid would-be holiday/weekend house owner guaranteed peace and a virtual fishing paradise.

The houses, which are dotted around in packets, are two-bedroom and three-bedroom terrace houses, built about ten years ago. There is an air link to Glasgow, and a ferry service. The firing range and a radar station are expected to remain operational for the foreseeable future, although there were plans to close them down.

The Services' married quarters in England and Wales were sold en bloc to Annington Homes last year as part of the previous Government's decision to raise substantial sums for the Treasury and at the same time to relieve the MoD of some of the burdens of property ownership. The sale price was £1.66 billion.

The Benbecula homes, and a few other pockets of housing, were not part of the deal: But the majority of the quarters are now in the hands of the private company that leases back to the MoD those properties still required for Service families.

Empty quarters no longer needed by the ministry are already on the market — 2,400 were handed over as a first batch — and Annington has been promised, as part of the deal, a minimum of 700 houses a year for sale for 25 years.

Hamish Mackay, the newly appointed chief executive of Annington Homes, is impressed by the married quarters. He says: "They are better built than the average council house, and they are selling at a good rate, some to ex-servicemen who had lived in them before, and others to the general public or to local authorities and housing associations."

About 25 per cent of the 2,400 vacant houses have now been sold. Some, however, are more difficult to market.

Mr Mackay says: "We have 250 units for sale in Haverfordwest (in Dyfed), but the area is economically depressed and they are going to take a long time to sell. In contrast, we have some Service married quarters to sell in the village of Ambrosden, near Bicester in Oxfordshire, a nice area to live. They are selling more quickly."

His plan for the thousands of surplus MoD homes that will come on the market over the next few years is to provide each house with an Annington "seal of approval", so that people buying them will know there are certain minimum standards they can take for granted.

The general aim of MoD property chief Brian Hirst is to "get rid of" between 1,000 and 1,500 properties a year from the ministry's huge estate, providing an annual turnover of about £100 million. This is comparatively limited when set against the annual sale of about 1.2 million houses by other property owners and landlords throughout the country. But an increasing number of MoD homes and properties is going to be available to the public and to housing developers over the next two decades, because of the reducing size of the Armed Forces after the end of the Cold War and the growing demand within the Services for owner-occupation.

Among the more substantial properties now on the market are part of the former St Andrew's School at Shandon in Argyll and Bute; Broadoaks, a house, dairy and stables in greenbelt country at West Byfleet in Surrey; and a squash courts site at Catterick garrison in north Yorkshire.

One of the most recent estates to come on the market is the former Intelligence Corps headquarters at Ashford in Kent, off the M20. The site is effectively split in two because the line of the proposed Channel Tunnel rail link runs right down the middle. The estate consists mainly of office buildings and houses, and also some agricultural land.

Another site for sale is Bowden Park, a former Royal Navy recreation ground at Crownhill in Plymouth.

It consists of two playing fields with a timber-built pavilion. There are privately owned houses and bungalows on three sides of the plot.

The MoD owns about 700 buildings that are listed as having historical or architectural interest, most them Grade II or Grade III, but a few, such as the Royal Naval College at Greenwich, Grade I. Some of them come up for sale. In 1995-96, the sales included Fort Charlotte in Lerwick, Bolbec Hall in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and King's Old Building, Stirling Castle.

Orwell's novel home for sale

IN THE MARKET

ONCE the home of George Orwell, 2 Kits Lane in Wallington, near Baldock in Hertfordshire, is being sold by Bryan Bishop & Partners. Orwell *lived there on and off* between 1936 and 1947, after he was wounded in the Spanish Civil War and ran part of the cottage as a small general store. He would open in the *mornings, leaving afternoons* free for writing; *The Road to Wigan Pier* and *Animal Farm* were written there. About £195,000 is being asked for the three-bedroom house.

☐ The Hay Bridge Nature Reserve near Ulverston in Cumbria, which was *established 26 years ago*, is for sale for about £440,000.

The Hay Bridge Nature Reserve Society, a charity, is the tenant of the reserve centre, based in a classic Lake District barn. But the lease expires at the end of this year and the new owners would have the choice of renewing their lease or managing the reserve themselves. Details: Anne Fraham, 01229 861412

☐ Ninety Midland Bank branches will be sold at auction by Healy & Baker at the Piccadilly offices of Bafta, the film and television academy, next Tuesday. The lots — spread throughout England and Wales — are likely to fetch from £60,000 to more than £500,000.

☐ The sale of a four-bedroom *villa with a pool near* Marbella will include a 58ft yacht. Casa Zazou, near Puerto Banus, is set in landscaped gardens with a tennis court and has air-conditioning and satellite television. The yacht has a berth in Puerto Banus. Details: 0171-937 3722 or (Spain) 0034 52 88 3203.

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☐ Heritage Open Days take place on September 13 and 14. Almost 2,000 properties, many of them normally closed to the public, will open, free of admission. Among them will be Surrey House, Norwich, Stowe School near Buckingham, and Snailbeach Mine in Telford. Details: 0181-348 6569.

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Based in SW1

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Dismissing child case after threat

In re B (a Minor) (Contact: Stepfather's opposition)

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment June 11]

In an *appropriate* case an application for contact could be dismissed on a hearing for directions without investigation of the merits of the application.

Where on such a hearing, the stepfather with whom the child lived *threatened to* reject her and her mother if the hearing continued, the judge was entitled to conclude, without further investigation, that the threat represented a risk of real harm to the child which justified dismissal of the natural *father's* application for contact.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing the father's appeal from Mr Justice Johnson who had dismissed his application for contact with his child, B, at the directions hearing.

B, who was born in 1988, lived with her mother and stepfather following her parents' divorce and *her mother's* remarriage.

The stepfather expressed strong opposition to the father's application which he considered to be motivated by a desire to destroy the marriage and he indicated that if contact were ordered B could no longer live with him.

On the directions hearing, at which the father, although not present was *represented* by counsel, the stepfather became excited *indicating that if the* proceedings continued he would reject both B and her mother.

That attitude was communicated to the judge by the mother's counsel who was satisfied that it was sincere.

Counsel for the Official Solicitor considered that *the* threat was of the utmost gravity to B, representing not merely a risk but a substantial probability that if the hearing continued B would be adversely affected by *the home* being divided.

The judge, acceding to the joint submission of counsel for the mother and for the Official Solicitor, dismissed the father's application, concluding that if he did not do so there was a real risk that the child would be in danger of harm by removal from a stable and satisfactory home.

Mr John Mitchell for the father; Miss L. Carter for the mother; Miss Anna Pauffley, QC and Mr Justin Ageros *for the* Official Solicitor.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the short question was whether the judge was justified in summarily dismissing the father's application when the *matter had been listed for* directions, no notice had been given to the father of a possible application to dismiss; the father had not been present and the sole ground had been the attitude struck by the stepfather, the justification for *which had been untested in* cross-examination.

The courts' general policy was clear: contact between a child and its natural parent was something which *should* be maintained wherever that was practical.

Equally clear was the courts' general attitude to threats: *see In re O (Contact: Imposition of conditions)* ([1995] 2 FLR 124) in which Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, had set out the familiar but *fundamental* principles applicable.

The courts' powers were extensive and Mr Mitchell had properly accepted that in an appropriate case *an application for contact* could be dismissed on a directions hearing.

In the exercise of that power the court had to bear in mind that the more draconian the order and the more unusual the situation, the greater the *need for it to be* satisfied that grave harm was virtually certain to befall the child if *the* court followed its usual procedure and investigated the matter on its merits.

On the material before the judge it was *not* a case where there was any suggestion that the stepfather was acting other than bona fide according to his beliefs in adopting his *unyielding* approach. *There* was no suggestion that he was seeking to blackmail the court.

The judge was *placed* on the horns of a fearful dilemma. He was acutely conscious of the injustice to the father and equally *sharply aware of the risk of harm* to the child if the stepfather implemented his threat which counsel for the mother and the Official Solicitor believed to be *real*.

The court fully understood and did not criticise the fact that the *judge decided as he did. That* was not to say that each member of the present court would have responded to the crisis in the *same* way.

The court saw the force of the submission that the judge should *have insisted on hearing the* stepfather explain his concerns directly to the court and on the father hearing the judge explain why it was so crucial for the child's sake that she should not be denied the opportunity to know her father.

However, the court *concluded* that there was no error in principle in the judge's summary dismissal of the father's application at the directions hearing. It was within his discretion to do so.

As for the exercise of that *discretion* and the balancing exercise he conducted the court was completely satisfied that whichever way the judge had decided he would have been open to criticism.

There was no right answer to the dilemma confronting him. It was *therefore impossible to conclude* that his decision was outside the generous ambit within which reasonable disagreement was possible.

Solicitors: Challinors Lyon Clark, West Bromwich; Crust *Lane* & Davis, *Ilford*; Official Solicitor.

Pensioner's interest promise must be kept

Director of Savings v Woolf
Same v Kear and Another

Before Mr Justice Cresswell

[Judgment June 20]

When calculating interest on a pensioner's guaranteed income bond where the prospectus stated that the rate applicable would be "fixed and guaranteed for the first five years a bond was held" at 7 per cent a year, the interest provisions should be construed so as to give effect *to that promise*.

Thus of two posible constructions of the clause concerned with daily interest, including the problem of leap years, the construction which produced the promised rate of 7 per cent should be preferred to that which produced some slightly different rate.

Mr Justice Cresswell so stated in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing appeals by the Director of Savings, Mr David Baker, of the Department for Savings of the Treasury, pursuant to section 1(2) of the Arbitration Act 1979 against (i) the award of the adjudicator of national savings, Mr David Farrington, in favour of Mrs N. Woolf dated November 19, 1996 and (ii) the award of the adjudi*cator in favour of Mr and Mrs* John Kear dated October 29, 1996.

Mr Arthur W. H. Charles and Mr Michael Gibbon *for the director*; the respondents did not appear and were not represented: Mr Ian Glick, QC, as amicus curiae.

MR JUSTICE CRESSWELL said that the facts of the two cases were very similar and the same result must follow in both cases. The central issue was what was the correct way of calculating interest *on the bond*.

The prospectus governing the bond provided:

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The relevant edition of the *Edinburgh Gazette* stated: "Series 3 . . . Bonds will go on sale from January 26, 1996. The interest rate, *fixed and guaranteed for the first* five years a Bond is held, is 7 per cent per annum."

It was the director's case that the reference to a "leap year" in clause 4 was a reference to a calendar year. The adjudicator found that "*leap year*" *meant any period of 12* consecutive months, and not necessarily commencing on January 1, but which included a leap day.

His Lordship noted that the ordinary meaning of a "leap year" was a calendar year which had 366 days. *The Concise Oxford Dictionary* defined "leap year" as "a year, occurring once in four, with *366 days (including February 29 as* an intercalary day)." An intercalary day was a day inserted in the calendar to harmonise it with the solar year.

His Lordship relied on *The Niobe* ([1891] AC 401, 408) and *Phillips and Straton v Dorintal Insurance Ltd* ([1987] 1 Lloyd's Rep 482, 484-5) to assist in construction deriving the principles that there were exceptions to relying on the ordinary meaning of a word and one could look to the context of the contract when choosing the appropriate meaning.

The construction contended for by Mrs Woolf and upheld by the adjudicator, the investment year approach, resulted in an interest rate of 7 per cent a year, fixed and guaranteed for the first five years a *bond was held. The construction* contended for by the director, the calendar year approach, did not.

On the director's approach a bond would earn £6,996.83 if bought on March 5, 1996, Mrs Woolf's date of purchase and £7,003.17 if bought on March 5, 1995. Mrs Woolf's approach resulted in £7,000 being payable in both cases.

The construction upheld by the adjudicator was the only construction that ensured that bonds earned annual interest at the rate published in the *Gazettes* fixed for the first five years a bond was held.

Solicitor: Treasury Solicitor; Treasury Solicitor.

Deciding employee's place of work

High Table Ltd v Horst and Others

Before Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Hobhouse

[Judgment July 1]

For the purposes of redundancy, an employee's place of work was not to be decided solely by reference to the contract of employment regardless of where the employee actually worked.

The place where the employee was employed was to be established by a factual inquiry taking into the employee's fixed place or changing places of work and any contractual terms which might assist. The inclusion of mobility *clauses in contracts of employment* were not to be used to defeat genuine redundancy claims.

The Court of Appeal so held when unanimously allowing an appeal by the employer, High Table Ltd, from an order of the *Employment* Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Butterfield, Lord Gladwin of Clee and Mrs J. M. Mathias) on April 25, 1996 allowing an appeal by the employees, Mrs Christine Horst, Ms Jean Jowett and Mrs Angela Burley, from a South London industrial tribunal which on March 29, 1994 had held that the employees had been dismissed for redundancy.

Section 81 of the *Employment* Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 provides: "(2) . . . an employee who is dismissed shall be taken to be dismissed by reason of redundancy if the dismissal is attributable wholly or mainly to (a) *the fact that his employer has* ceased, or intends to cease, to carry on business for the purposes of which the employee was employed . . . or (b) the fact that the requirements of that business for employees to carry out work of a *particular kind* . . . *in the place* where he was so employed, have ceased or diminished or are expected to cease or diminish. . ."

Mr Ashley Underwood for the employers; Mr Declan O'Dempsey for the employees.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBSON said that the employer's business was that of providing catering services for companies and firms in the City of London and elsewhere.

The employees were employed as silver service waitresses working from 10am to 4pm on weekdays at Hill Samuel in the city until dismissed in February 1993 pursuant to redundancy notices served on them on January 29. The employers accepted that a mobility clause was to be treated as included in the three employees' contracts of employment.

That clause stated "Your place of work is as stated in your letter of appointment . . . However, given the nature of our business, it is sometimes necessary to transfer staff on a temporary or permanent basis to another location. . ."

In Mrs Burley's letter of appointment she was appointed *from* January 1961 as waitress to a City company other than Hill Samuel, *but she ceased to work there* after a year and worked at Hill Samuel for over four years until dismissed.

Ms Jowett by her letter was appointed from April 1982 as a "floating waitress" and no normal workplace was specified but she worked at *Hill Samuel for over* four years until dismissed.

Only Mrs Horst's letter specified that she was appointed to Hill Samuel from July 1988 and she worked there until her dismissal.

In 1992 Hill Samuel made a number of its own staff *redundant* and that reduced its requirement for the employer's services. Consequently, the employer had to reduce its services and the staff providing them but the three employees were not then affected.

Shortly before Christmas 1992 Hill Samuel told the employer that there would have to be more cuts in the catering budget. That necessitated a substantial reappraisal by the employer of its services to Hill Samuel with inevitable reduc*tions in staff including the three* employees.

They sought compensation for unfair dismissal or unfair selection for redundancy and each gave Hill Samuel as her place of employment. Each contended that she *received a letter* stating she was to be made redundant due to staff restructuring and costs savings within Hill Samuel, that she *worked for the employer* and not Hill Samuel, that no effort was made to deploy her at other city firms with which the employer had contracts and that staff with a shorter record of service were allowed to stay on.

His Lordship said that one of the main issues that had emerged was whether section 81(2) imposed a contractual test or a primarily factual test to determine "the place where [the employee] was so employed". That was an issue of law turning on the true construction of the statutory language.

Mr O'Dempsey pointed out that *in section 81(2) the word* "employed" not "worked" was used and submitted that that connoted "employed under the contract of employment". He said that if the contract contained a mobility clause allowing the employer to *require the employee to work* elsewhere, the "place where [the employee] was so employed" extended to every place where the employee might be required to work.

Mr Underwood submitted that a *plain words construction of the* statute was appropriate and that the words clearly *referred* to the place where the employee actually worked and not where in theory the employer could require the employee to work.

His Lordship said that the question posed by the statutory language — where was the employee employed by the employer for the purposes of the business? — was one to be answered primarily by a consideration of the factual circumstances which obtained until the dismissal.

If an employee had worked in only one location under his contract of employment for the purposes of the employer's business, it defied commonsense to widen the extent of the place where he was so employed *merely because of the* existence of a mobility clause.

Of course the refusal by the *employee to obey a lawful require*ment under the employment contract for the employee to move might constitute a valid reason for dismissal, but the issues of dismissal, redundancy and reasonableness in the actions of an *employer should be kept distinct*.

It would be unfortunate if the law were to encourage the inclusion of mobility clauses in contracts of employment to defeat genuine redundancy claims. Parliament had recognised the importance *of the employee's right to* a redundancy payment.

If the work of the employee for the employer had involved a change of location, as would be the case where the nature of the work required the employee to go from *place to place, then the contract of* employment might be helpful to determine the extent of the place where the employee was employed.

But it could not be right to let the contract be the sole *determinant, regardless of where the employee* actually worked for the employer. The question what was the place of employment was one that could safely be left to the good sense of the industrial tribunal.

It was plain that the place where those three employees were employed by their employer was Hill Samuel and that there was a redundancy situation *there which* caused the employees *to be dis*missed. The order of the industrial tribunal was restored.

Lord Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice Evans agreed.

Solicitors: Manches & Co; Ole Hanson & Co.

Allocating costs after payment-in

Abada v Gray and Another

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice Mummery

[Judgment June 25]

Where a plaintiff under a disability recovered less in damages than a defendant had paid into court, the usual consequences as to payment of the defendant's costs after the date of the payment-in would apply unless *the plaintiff's next* friend had applied, pursuant to Order 80, rule 10 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, for the court to approve acceptance of the payment-in and that approval had been withheld.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Richard Abada, acting by his mother as next friend, against the decision of Mr Roger Titheridge, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division on October 25, 1995, ordering him to pay the costs of the defendants, James Gray and the Motor Insurers Bureau, from the date that they paid £100,000 into court in an action in which the plaintiff subsequently recovered £73,250 damages for orthopaedic injuries following a road traffic accident.

The Court of Appeal had also dismissed the plaintiff's appeal against the deputy judge's rejection of his claim for damages to be assessed on the basis that the accident and its after effects had caused his schizophrenia.

Mr Christopher Gardner, QC and Mr Simon Brilliant for the plaintiff; Mr Stephen Miller, QC and Miss Margaret Bowron for the defendants.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the plaintiff had submitted that the general practice of the court where a payment-in was not accepted was not appropriate where the plaintiff was a person under a disability and where any acceptance of the money paid in would have required the approval of the court. He submitted that it would not *have been possible in the present* case to have obtained the court's approval for acceptance of the £100,000 payment-in as the full claim, based on the accident having caused schizophrenia, if successful, would have resulted in an award of over £1.5 million.

However, in his Lordship's judgment, the plaintiff's next friend was not under a disability and had to decide on the information before her whether the payment-in should be accepted or not. In that situation Order 80, rule 10 did not alter the usual practice on costs.

The position would be very *different if the next friend had* decided to accept the payment-in and had been prevented from doing so by the court.

Lord Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice Mummery agreed.

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RACING: JOCKEY COULD FORFEIT ANOTHER CLASSIC-WINNING MOUNT AS MORE FUEL IS ADDED TO ECLIPSE DEBATE

Fallon in danger of losing ride on Sleepytime

By Chris McGrath

FOR someone who stands accused of hot-headedness, Kieren Fallon yesterday looked remarkably like the only person keeping his cool — and dignity — over the defeat of Bosra Sham in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes last Saturday. It does not, however, appear to be doing him much good.

Although Henry Cecil, his employer, appeared suitably embarrassed by his theatrical disgust with Fallon's ride at Sandown, the problem continues to simmer for the season's leading jockey. Not only did Cecil confirm that Fallon would be replaced on Bosra Sham in her future races; it now seems possible that he will also lose the ride on Sleepytime, the filly on whom he won the 1,000 Guineas.

Tote Cherry-Downes, racing manager to Charles Wacker III, emphasised that he had not yet spoken to Sleepytime's owner, but his own opinions of Fallon sounded discouraging. Personally, he was "not impressed" by what he had seen in the Eclipse; more importantly, he also admitted to concern with the jockey's tactics in the Guineas, and his riding of Ali-Royal at Royal Ascot. "It's nice having these horses, but it doesn't have to be a heart-stopper every time. We were very lucky to win the Guineas. Charles had almost turned the television off."

Cecil had turned his anger on the press after Fallon won him the opening race of Newmarket's July meeting, on Craigsteel. His characteristic air of foppish leisure deserted him as, thunder in his eyes and a tremble in his voice, he accused the media of exaggeration and irresponsibility.

As it happens, these precise charges have been levelled at the champion trainer, who had expressed his ire in the baldest possible language on Sunday. "I like Kieren, and I don't want to see him slammed about and chewed up," he now protested. The decision that he should be replaced on Wafic Said's horses was taken "having spoken to the owners, and in the horses' best interest".

In calmer vein, Cecil went on to elaborate exactly where he felt the Eclipse had been lost. It was not, as has generally been supposed, the fact that Fallon had attempted to go up the inside as the course widened in the straight — his only half-chance to get out of a tight corner. "It was early on, in the first furlong; there was no pocket at that stage, and he could have gone to the outside then, instead of heading for the rail."

Another senior trainer, Peter Walwyn, confessed to having flinched as he watched the Eclipse unfold, saying: "It was like watching a rat going into a bottle." But Fallon sturdily retains not only his composure, but also his conviction that he could not have done anything differently on Bosra Sham, given the way the race was run.

"Mr Cecil is disappointed, but I hope I can change that by the end of the year. There are 200 other horses in the yard, and hopefully I can still ride them."

In proportion to his championship rival's woes, Frankie Dettori seems to be growing in confidence. Yesterday he rode a treble, highlighted by a photo-finish success for Shantou in the Princess Of Wales's Stakes. The St Leger winner takes plenty of knowing, and Dettori had been released from his commitment to the runner-up, Swain. "You can only get away with the stick a few times with Shantou. He's a tough guy, and you don't want to upset him."

The same is true of Fallon, but he will need all his resolve to pull this one out of the fire.

Kieren Fallon will ride Yashmak, winner of the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot, for Henry Cecil in the Kildangan Stud Irish Oaks on Sunday. Cecil decided yesterday not to supplement his Vodafone Oaks winner, Reams Of Verse. "Reams Of Verse has races like the Yorkshire Oaks to go for later on," Cecil said. The Newmarket trainer won the Irish Oaks with Alydaress in 1989 and Diminuendo, who dead-heated with Melodist, 12 months previously.

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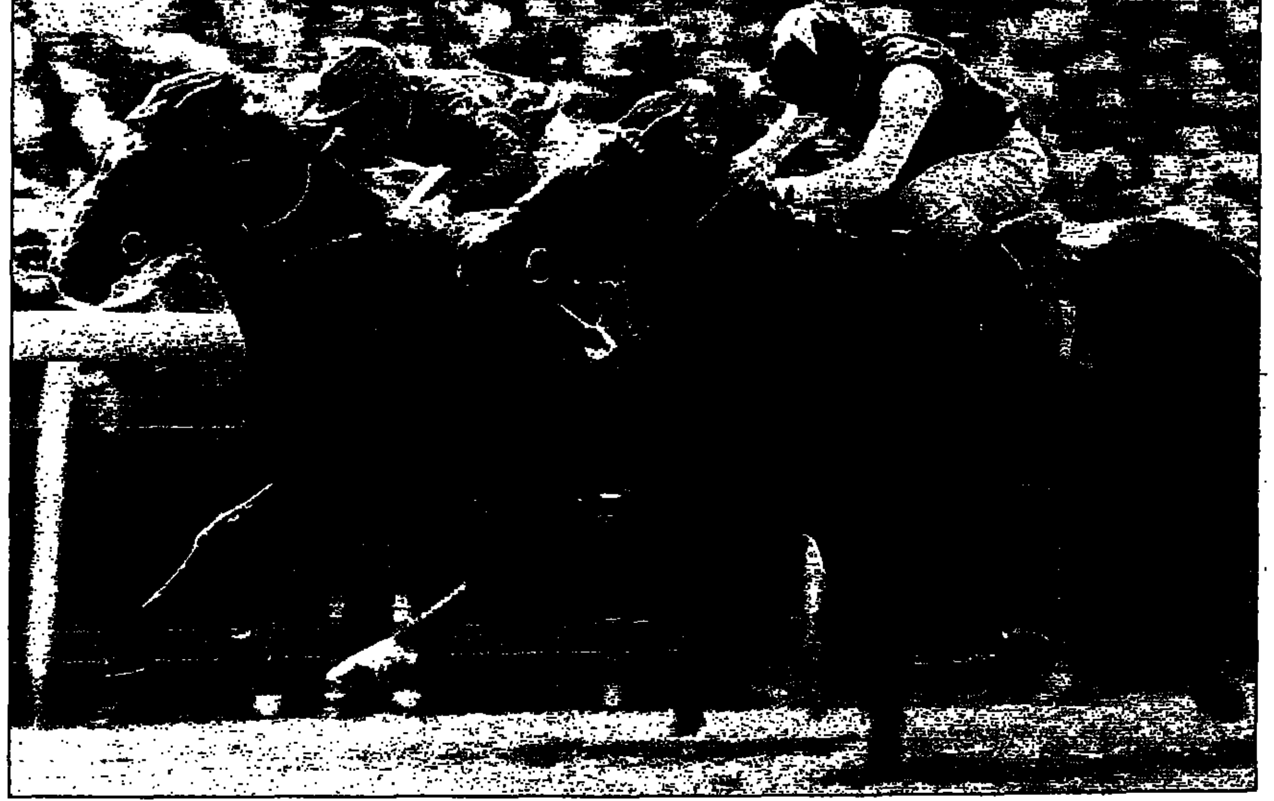

Shantou, nearside, produces a late run to deny Swain in the Princess Of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket yesterday

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

2.05 Light Programme
2.35 **BOLD FACT** (nap)
3.10 Amyas
3.40 Dragonada
4.15 Three Tenners
4.45 Daggers Drawn
5.20 Arcady

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
5.20 **MEDIA STAR.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.05 Light Programme. 3.10 Priena. 4.45 **DAGGERS DRAWN** (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE
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2.05 MORE O'FERRALL STAKES

C4

(3-Y-O: £5,481: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

101	(7)		DR MARTENS (R Sngys Group Limited) L Cumani 9-0	Pat Eddery	–
102	(1)	2	LIGHT PROGRAMME 19 (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0	K Fallon	●
103	(11)	0-	PRINCE DE LOIR 334 (J Wilson) D Cosgrove 9-0	W Ryan	–
104	(5)		RICARDO (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-0	T Sprake	–
105	(10)	02	ROBBAN HENDI 36 (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) M Jarvis 9-0	R Cochrane	81
106	(5)	43	DOVEDON STAR 7 (BF) (M Whatley) P Kelleway 8-9	J Weaver	97
107	(12)		MARILAYA (H H Aga Khan) L Cumani 8-9	K Darley	–
108	(2)	5	POLENISTA 27 (I Stewart-Brown) J Dunlop 8-9	T Quinn	76
109	(4)		PRADESH (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9	A Garth	–
110	(3)	3-	SAAFEYA 270 (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) J Gosden 8-9	L Dettori	82
111	(6)		SHASKA (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9	G Hind	–
112	(9)	0	WATER FLOWER 84 (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 8-9	M Hills	87

BETTING: 15-8 Light Programme, 4-1 Saafeya, 7-1 Marilaya, Polenista, 8-1 Dovedon Star, Shaska, 10-1 Dr Martens, Robban Hendi, 14-1 others

1996: GREENSTEAD 9-0 J Carroll (16-1) J Gosden 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

DR MARTENS colt by Mtoto out of well-related mare. LIGHT PROGRAMME (holds St Leger entry) head 2nd of 10 to Bombazine in maiden over course and distance (good to soft) with DOVEDON STAR about 1l 4th. RICARDO colt by Sanglamore out of mare from useful family.
ROBBAN HENDI better effort when short-head 2nd to Life Of Riley in 10-runner maiden at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to firm)
DOVEDON STAR about 4½l 3rd of 8 to Spartan Girl in maiden at Epsom (1m 2f, soft). POLENISTA about 8l 5th of 12 to Khawalr in maiden at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm)
SAAFEYA 5l 3rd of 11 to Hidden Meadow in maiden at York (1m, good) Oct 96.
WATER FLOWER 11l 12th of 20 to Dolos in maiden here (1m, good)
Selection: DOVEDON STAR

2.35 TNT INTERNATIONAL AVIATION JULY STAKES

C4

(Group III: 2-Y-O: £15,924: 6f) (8 runners)

201	(7)	30511	TIPPITT BOY 20 (D,F,G) (Highgrove Developments Ltd) K McAuliffe 9-1	J Reid	95
202	(8)	115	POOL MUSIC 20 (BF,F) (Mrs C Parker) R Hannon 8-13	R Hughes	95
203	(4)	1	AIX EN PROVENCE 19 (D,G) (J Featherstone) M Johnston 8-10	J Weaver	90
204	(2)	1150	BLUERIDGE DANCER 22 (B,F) (A Costello) D Meehan 8-10	K Darley	95
205	(6)	13	BOLD FACT 22 (D,F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-10	K Fallon	●
206	(3)	11	CALCHAS 14 (D,S) (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) M Prescott 8-10	G Duffield	90
207	(1)	21	LINDEN HEIGHTS 12 (CD,S) (H Chung) L Cumani 8-10	Pat Eddery	83
208	(5)	010	SWIFT ALLIANCE 22 (D,F) (Bickerstaff Worsley) R Akehurst 8-10	T Quinn	80

BETTING: 6-4 Bold Fact, 5-1 Calchas, 6-1 Tippitt Boy, Pool Music, 7-1 Linden Heights, 10-1 Aix En Provence, Blueridge Dancer, 25-1 Swift Alliance

1996: RICH GROUND 8-10 J Reid (40-1) J Bethell 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

TIPPITT BOY beat Hopping Higgins short-head in the 6-runner Group III Norfolk stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good) with POOL MUSIC (2lb better off) 3½l 5th. AIX EN PROVENCE beat Prix Star 3½l in 8-runner auction maiden at Ayr (6f, good). BOLD FACT 2l 3rd of 15 to Harbour Master in the Group III Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot (6f, good) with SWIFT ALLIANCE 7l 8th and BLUERIDGE DANCER 7l 12th.
CALCHAS beat Indian Missile 5l in 5-runner novice stakes at Epsom (7f, good).
LINDEN HEIGHTS beat Deterrent 2½l in 8-runner maiden over course and distance (soft)
Selection: LINDEN HEIGHTS

3.10 INFLITE ENGINEERING DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE HANDICAP

C4

(3-Y-O: £19,820: 1m 2f) (16 runners)

301	(7)	521-U51	MAYLANE 27 (G,S) (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-7	M Roberts	94
302	(15)	110-160	AMYAS 22 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 9-7	M Hills	93
303	(10)	20-3501	CINEMA PARADISO 13 (F,S) (C Wright) P Cole 9-6	T Quinn	93
304	(6)	382-110	STANTON HARCOURT 45 (D,F) (C Humphris) J Dunlop 9-5	Pat Eddery	97
305	(14)	1-22	PRIENA 27 (F) (Cuadra Africa) D Loder 9-5	K Darley	93
306	(16)	015	RIVER PILOT 25 (D,S) (Lady Rothschild) R Charlton 9-4	T Sprake	98
307	(11)	5-52231	ATLANTIC DESIRE 12 (D,F,G) (Atlantic Racing Ltd) M Johnston 9-2	J Weaver	97
308	(5)	1-20	MERSEY BEAT 81 (G) (K Higson) G L Moore 8-13	A Clark	94
309	(12)	6-4414	MEMORISE 20 (D,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-12	K Fallon	●
310	(4)	4-00120	PARTY ROMANCE 20 (D,G) (A Ali) B Hanbury 8-12	W Ryan	98
311	(1)	31-0430	OVER TO YOU 22 (G) (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 8-9	J Reid	98
312	(3)	0013005	BOLD ORIENTAL 12 (D,F) (M Tabor & Mrs J Magnier) N Callaghan 8-9	L Dettori	96
313	(9)	1502	MANAZIL 14 (S) (H al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-7	R Hills	98
314	(8)	0600400	FOOT BATTALION 11 (G) (J Biggs) R Hollinshead 8-4	R Ffrench (5)	98
315	(13)	6010	BEVIER 22 (F) (Sheikh M al-Maktoum) C Brittain 8-2	A Munro	87
316	(2)	5-03	REGAL THUNDER 61 (Mrs R Savill) M Stoute 7-13	J Quinn	94

BETTING: 11-2 Priena, 6-1 Atlantic Desire, Memorise, 8-1 Bold Oriental, Maylane, Regal Thunder, Stanton Harcourt, 12-1 Amyas, Over To You, 14-1 Cinema Paradiso, 16-1 Party Romance, River Pilot, 20-1 others

1996: FREEDOM FLAME 8-5 M Roberts (9-1) M Johnston 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAYLANE beat ATLANTIC DESIRE (2lb better off) ¾l in limited stakes at Goodwood (1m 1f, good to soft). AMYAS 4½l 9th of 28 to Fly To The Stars in the Britannia Handicap at Royal Ascot (1m, good) with BOLD ORIENTAL (2lb better off) ½l 10th. CINEMA PARADISO beat Koathary neck in handicap at Salisbury (1m, soft). PRIENA ¾l 2nd of 10 to Squeak in listed race at Newbury (1m 2f, good). MEMORISE 4½l 4th of 20 to Heritage in the King George V Handicap at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, good) with PARTY ROMANCE (1lb better off) 7½l 7th.
Selection: MEMORISE (nap)

3.40 AMCOR FALMOUTH STAKES

C4

(Group II: £33,662: 1m) (7 runners)

401	(5)	14-2223	CHARLOTTE CORDAY 14 (D,G) (M Oppenheimer) G Wragg 4-9-4	A Clark	81
402	(2)	35-3201	THEANO 10 (D,F,S) [illegible]	T Quinn	91
403	(7)	2-101	REBECCA SHARP 21 (D,F,G) [illegible]	M Hills	96
404	(1)	214-1	DRAGONADA 14 (F,S) (Niarchos Family) H Cecil 3-8-6	K Fallon	85
405	(4)	1612-05	KHASSAH 21 (D,F) (H al-Maktoum) J Gosden 3-8-6	R Hills	93
406	(6)	2143-52	OCEAN RIDGE 21 (F,S) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 3-8-6	L Dettori	●
407	(3)	121-44	RYAFAN 31 (D,G,S) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 3-8-6	Pat Eddery	92

BETTING: 2-1 Ryafan, 7-2 Rebecca Sharp, 9-2 Ocean Ridge, 7-1 Khassah, 8-1 Theano, Dragonada, 12-1 Charlotte Corday

1996: SENSATION 3-8-6 M J Kinane (10-1) [illegible] 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

THEANO beat Gen's Royale 4½l in 13-runner handicap at Curragh (6f 110yd, yielding). REBECCA SHARP beat OCEAN RIDGE (6lb better off) ¾l in the 6-runner Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m, good to firm) with KHASSAH (6lb better off) about 3½l 5th. DRAGONADA beat Natalia Bay 2½l in 8-runner [illegible] stakes at Epsom (1m 114yd, good to soft). OCEAN RIDGE about 5½l 5th of 15 to Sleepytime in the 1,000 Guineas over course and distance (good) with KHASSAH [illegible] and REBECCA SHARP [illegible]
Selection: OCEAN RIDGE

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M Bell	3	11	27.3	Pat Eddery	[illegible]	[illegible]	22.4
S bin Suroor	15	60	25.0	R Ffrench	[illegible]	31	19.4
H Cecil	63	264	23.9	L Dettori	[illegible]	[illegible]	14.6
R Charlton	19	94	20.2	J Weaver	22	[illegible]	14.2
D Loder	22	126	17.5	K Fallon	19	160	11.9

4.15 ELLESMERE SELLING STAKES

(2-Y-O: £5,150: 7f) (13 runners)

501	(9)		OUR DAD'S LAD (Mrs M Lavell) S C Williams 9-7	A Munro	–
502	(7)	00400	MARGARET'S DANCER 4 (B) (G Batty) C Smith 9-2	G Duffield	67
503	(11)	001	THREE TENNERS 6 (B,S) (N Wilson) J Berry 9-2	K Darley	90
504	(10)	353	BALI DANCE 12 (BF) (J Porteous) C Booth 8-11	K Hodgson	98
505	(6)	05	BELLOW 8 (J Macdonald-Buchanan & Partners) H Morrison 8-11	R Hughes	75
506	(5)	0650	DOCKLANDS DISPATCH 22 (Mrs L Olley) N Tinkler 8-11	R Cochrane	83
507	(13)	1	SICK AS A PARROT 28 (D,F) (Mrs S Dwyer) C Dwyer 8-11	D O'Donohoe (3)	●
508	(4)	0	DOT 29 (G Peter-Hoblyn) R Hannon 8-6	Pat Eddery	–
509	(3)	0	KITE 12 (C Watt) M Bell 8-6	M Fenton	70
510	(1)	00	LA VIZELLE 6 (B) (R Guest) R Guest 8-6	R Ffrench (5)	–
511	(2)	00	LILIAN MARKS 11 (S Motley) B Meehan 8-6	M Tebbutt	–
512	(8)		LOOKINGFORLOVE DEL (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 8-6	M Roberts	–
513	(12)	5462	PATRICIA OLIVE 21 (V) (M Tompkins Elite) M Tompkins 8-6	T Quinn	98

BETTING: 4-1 Sick As A Parrot, 9-2 Three Tenners, 6-1 Bali Dance, 7-1 Patricia Olive, 8-1 Dot, Kite, 10-1 Lookingforlove Del, 12-1 others

1996: BUZZBY 9-3 T Sprake (9-1) A Foster 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

THREE TENNERS beat Skausea ¾l in 7-runner seller at Haydock (6f, good to soft)
BALI DANCE 2¾l 3rd of 14 to Inchalong in seller at Newcastle (6f, good). BELLOW about 9¾l 5th of 7 to King Darius in claimer at Chepstow (6f, soft). DOCKLANDS DISPATCH 10l 12th of 17 to Tancred Times in seller at Thirsk (6f, good). SICK AS A PARROT beat Lasham 1l in 7-runner seller at Yarmouth (7f, firm).
PATRICIA OLIVE 3l 2nd of 4 to Blenbrook in claimer at Hamilton (5f, good to soft).
No selection

4.45 E B F NGK SPARK PLUGS NOVICE STAKES

(2-Y-O: £5,663: 6f) (10 runners)

601	(5)		ABOVE BOARD (J Hanson) B Hills 8-12	R Hills	–
602	(4)		BAHAMIAN MELODY (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 8-12	T Quinn	–
603	(3)		DAGGERS DRAWN (Cliveden Stud) H Cecil 8-12	K Fallon	–
604	(8)	02	DETERRENT 12 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-12	L Dettori	98
605	(7)	50	DONEGAL SEAN 15 (T Mohan) K McAuliffe 8-12	A Munro	70
606	(9)	0	EASTWELL HALL 33 (Eastwell Manor Racing) R Curtis 8-12	M Roberts	–
607	(10)	32501	FIVEO'CLOCK SHADOW 8 (D,S) (Mrs D Blackshaw) B Meehan 8-12	M Tebbutt	●
608	(1)		KRISPY KNIGHT (D Clee) J Hills 8-12	M Hills	–
609	(6)		LONG SIEGE (Mrs D Snowden) D Loder 8-12	K Darley	–
610	(2)		TRUEWIN (Sunny Yam) B Hanbury 8-12	J Stack	–

BETTING: 10-11 Daggers Drawn, 5-1 Deterrent, 7-1 Bahamian Melody, 8-1 Long Siege, 12-1 Fiveo'clock Shadow, 14-1 Truewin, 16-1 Above Board, 20-1 others.

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ABOVE BOARD (foaled Jan 29, cost 32,000gns) brother to Midnight Spell, 5f winner; dam juvenile winner in France.
DAGGERS DRAWN (Feb 18) first foal; dam, half-sister to smart and progressive 1m 1f-1m 6f winner Madame Dubois, from the high-class family of Milly Moss; useful middle-distance winner at three years, once-raced winning 6f juvenile. DETERRENT 2½l 2nd of 8 to Linden Heights in maiden over course and distance (soft). FIVEO'CLOCK SHADOW beat Captain Bliss 2½l in 10-runner seller at Yarmouth (6f, good to soft). LONG SIEGE (Mar 19) half-brother to Horris Hill Stakes winner Sapieha and very useful French stayer Dajraan, later successful over hurdles; dam 5f juvenile winner. TRUEWIN (Feb 21) half-brother to 7f juvenile selling winner Irish Fiction; dam unraced.
Selection: DAGGERS DRAWN

5.20 REG DAY MEMORIAL HANDICAP

(£6,472: 2m 24yd) (15 runners)

1	(8)	05514	TRAMLINE 12 (C,S) (H C Promotions Ltd) M Blanshard 4-9-10	J Quinn	97
2	(14)	0611	MEDIA STAR 8 (V,G,S) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 4-9-4 (4ex)	L Dettori	●
3	(11)	000-222	CLOUD INSPECTOR 5 (Maktoum Staff) M Johnston 6-9-2	K M Chin (3)	98
4	(13)	125-400	NORTHERN FLEET 22 (B,D,G) (Racing For Pleasure) Mrs A Perrett 4-9-1	Pat Eddery	97
5	(3)	24-3311	IN QUESTION 18 (F,S) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-9-1	M Hills	90
6	(10)	010-421	RUSSIAN ROSE 25 (F) (Ash Partnership) J Toller 4-9-0	Paul Eddery	85
7	(1)	0-02250	OPAQUE 11 (G) (S Keary) W Storey 5-8-13	DOUBTFUL	85
8	(6)	6-10350	MISTER PINK 20 (C,F,S) (C Sumner) R Simpson Houghton 3-8-13	G Duffield	95
9	(4)	00-1	REGAIT 52 (G) (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) M Jarvis 3-8-10	R Cochrane	90
10	(9)	6500	BURN OUT 22 (V) (All Yarely Partnership) J Pearce 5-8-7	G Bardwell	96
11	(2)	0000213	ARCADY 22 (F) (J Henderson) J L Harris 4-8-4	R Ffrench (5)	93
12	(5)	0600/06	LIME STREET BLUES 15 (S) (Blues Partnership) T Keddy 6-8-4	N Carlisle	85
13	(15)	43331	SUN ALERT 16 (F) (K Lee) M Polglase 3-8-3	D Williams (7)	87
14	(12)	6010-00	ALWARQA 23 (F) (J Barton) M Ware 4-7-11	F Norton	84
15	(7)	1-00402	SPA LANE 11 (F,S) (Lucky Farming Company Ltd) M Bielby 4-7-11	M Baird (3)	86

BETTING: 11-4 In Question, 4-1 Media Star, 8-1 Regait, Sun Alert, 10-1 Cloud Inspector, Russian Rose, Opaque, Mister Pink, Arcady, 14-1 others

1996: BENATOM 3-8-7 Pat Eddery (6-1) H Cecil 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

TRAMLINE beat Pike Creek 2l in 5-runner limited stakes here (1m 7f, good to soft). MEDIA STAR beat Sadie's Pride 7l in 7-runner handicap at Chepstow (2m 2f, soft). IN QUESTION beat Percy Isle 6l in 5-runner handicap at Ayr (1m 7f, good). RUSSIAN ROSE beat Northern Mystique 3½l in 7-runner handicap at Bath (2m 1f, good to firm). REGAIT beat Percy Isle 2½l in 4-runner maiden at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm). ARCADY about ¾l 3rd of 25 to Sea Freedom in the Ascot Stakes Handicap at Royal Ascot (2m 4f, good) with BURN OUT (1lb better off) about 1¾l 7th and NORTHERN FLEET (4lb better off) 11l 12th.
Selection: ARCADY

Memorise one to keep in mind

NEWMARKET
CHANNEL 4

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.05: Light Programme did not look fully wound up and was weak in the betting when making his debut here 19 days ago, but ran a cracker behind Bombazine, having found his stride in the final furlong after wandering going into the Dip. The El Gran Senor colt should be spot on today and will take all the beating. Polenista was not given a hard time on her debut at Goodwood, won by a stablemate, and is capable of better, along with Saafeya.

2.35: Group winners find it difficult to defy a penalty here, which counts against Tippitt Boy, the 33-1 Norfolk Stakes winner. The three to concentrate on are **Bold Fact**, who would probably have won the Coventry Stakes but for veering badly across the course at Ascot; Calchas, who has won both starts by a total of 11 lengths; and the well-regarded Linden Heights.

If the ground had remained genuinely good or softer I would have preferred Calchas after his success on the all-weather at Wolverhampton and on easy ground at Epsom. Linden Heights, who has yet to encounter fast ground, holds big-race entries and is capable of better. However, Bold Fact's time and form performances read considerably better than his two rivals and he can oblige here.

3.10: With front runners such as Priena, Atlantic Desire, Party Romance and Bevier this should be an end-to-end gallop. None makes more appeal than **Memorise**, who did particularly well to finish fourth from an unhelpful draw over 1½ miles in the King George V Handicap at Royal Ascot. Previously a winner over today's distance, he should relish the likely fast pace and stiff finish. Amyas recorded his best performance when running on strongly to finish less than five lengths behind Fly To The Stars in the Britannia Stakes and should appreciate today's step up in trip.

3.40: Rebecca Sharp was found to be off-colour after disappointing in the 1,000 Guineas and showed that running to be all wrong when beating Ocean Ridge by threequarters of a length in the Coronation Stakes with Sleepytime, the 1,000 Guineas winner, third and Khassah fifth. However, **Ocean Ridge** has a 6lb pull for less than a length beating and should be able to reverse the form here. Ryafan, winner of the Prix Marcel Boussac last year, ran respectably in the Irish Guineas and French Oaks but would appreciate easier ground.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Light Programme
(2.05 Newmarket)
Next best: Memorise
(3.10 Newmarket)

Munro banned

ALAN MUNRO was banned for five days for "irresponsible riding" on Erro Codigo, the favourite for the Dianne Nursery at Pontefract yesterday. Erro Codigo hampered three horses, including the winner, Composition, when Munro moved across from the far rail to the centre of the track.

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8/1	Regal Thunder	16/1	River Pilot
8/1	Stanton Harcourt	28/1	Mersey Beat
9/1	Bold Oriental	40/1	Foot Battalion
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FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER
2.20 Esperto. 2.50 Catherines Song. 3.25 Regal Revolution. 3.55 Fonteyn. 4.30 Sally Slade. 5.05 Kristal Breeze.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.20 BRIDGE SELLING HANDICAP

(£1,985: 1m 1f 149yd) (15 runners)

1	(14)	065C	REHAAB 32 (D,F) [illegible] 4-9-10	G Faulkner (3)	[illegible]
2	(10)	1234	ESPERTO 12 (D,G,S) J Pearce 4-9-10	G Bardwell	94
3	(9)	-032	BLUEBELL MISS 15 (S) M Ryan 3-9-5	M Baird (3)	93
4	(2)	4344	SAPPHIRE SON 21 (G) P Clarke 5-9-2	N Adams	[illegible]
5	(11)	0040	AQUAVITA 21 [illegible] 3-8-9	Dane O'Neill	50
6	(3)	000G	COUNTRY THATCH 29 C Hogan 4-8-6	D Holland	55
7	(7)	1540	HARLEQUIN WALK 47 (CD,G) R O'Sullivan 6-8-8	[illegible]	94
8	(9)	0005	PROUD BRIGADIER 8 (F,G,S) W R Brown 9-8-8	[illegible]	[illegible]
9	(4)	6000	HATTA SUNSHINE 29 (D) A Moore 7-8-6	A Whelan (3)	[illegible]
10	(5)	5053	BATTLE GROUND 7 N Callaghan 3-8-6	S Drowne	[illegible]
11	(6)	0000	BOLD ST NOIR 37 W Jarvis 3-8-5	N Day	[illegible]
12	(1)	-008	ANOTHER FIDDLE 15 (F) [illegible] 7-8-5	G Milligan (5)	–
13	(12)	003	SWITCH TO SENATE 12 [illegible] 3-8-3	[illegible]	–
14	(12)	6203	CHALKY DANCER 21 H Collingridge 5-8-2	Dale Gibson	56
15	(15)	0000	EURO SUPERSTAR 14 S Dow 3-7-12	R Mullen (3)	52

7-2 Esperto, 9-2 Bluebell Miss, 7-1 Battle Ground, 8-1 Sapphire Son, 10-1 Aquavita, Harlequin Walk, Chalky Dancer, 14-1 others

2.50 COWDREY NURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y-O: £2,940: 5f) (8)

1	(1)	024	MISHRAAK 15 (BF) R Armstrong 9-7	[illegible]	[illegible]
2	(3)	0010	LISA'S PRIDE 15 (F) Gay Kelleway 9-6	S Sanders	94
3	(6)	01	CATHERINES SONG 16 (D,F) C Dwyer 9-0	D Holland	[illegible]
4	(2)	040	SUMMER DAY BLUES 41 C Murray 8-6	[illegible]	[illegible]
5	(3)	6064	BLISS 51 Mrs P Dutfield 8-6	A Whelan (3)	[illegible]
6	(4)	010	MISLEAD 12 (D,G) J S Moore 8-5	M Henry (3)	[illegible]
7	(5)	040	MILLA'S MAGIC 18 [illegible] 8-3	Martin Dwyer (3)	[illegible]
8	(7)	000	SWANMORE LADY 51 S C Williams 7-10	R Mullen (5)	55

5-4 Mishraak, 7-2 Catherines Song, 8-1 Lisa's Pride, Mislead, 10-1 Bliss, 12-1 Summer Day Blues, Milla's Magic, 14-1 Swanmore Lady

3.25 ST LAWRENCE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,277: 6f) (9)

1	(8)		BEST ATTEMPT J Neville 8-10	S Drowne	–
2	(3)		FUNG SHUI R Hannon 8-10	Dane O'Neill	–
3	(7)		HIGH JINKS [illegible] 8-10	D Harrison	–
4	(5)		RISQUE [illegible] 8-10	Candy Morris	–
5	4	00	WON'T FORGET ME 20 (V) M Tompkins 8-6	C Brice	72
6	(1)		ROISIN SPLENDOUR S Dow 8-5	S Sanders	–
7	(6)		MARIMBO C Murray 8-3	[illegible]	–
8	(2)	000	SHANNON 40 C Dwyer 8-1	R Mullen (5)	[illegible]
9	(9)	2	REGAL REVOLUTION 11 P Harris 7-12	J Lowe	[illegible]

6-4 Regal Revolution, 3-1 Fung Shui, 6-1 Roisin Splendour, 8-1 Shannon, 10-1 Marimbo, 14-1 Best Attempt, 16-1 High Jinks, 20-1 others

3.55 GODFREY EVANS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

(£2,966: 6f) (8)

1	(5)	0	TAFFS WELL 66 (BF) R Akehurst 4-9-4	S Sanders	75
2	(8)	4050	VELVET JONES 25 G Charles-Jones 4-9-4	C Cox (7)	52
3	(7)	4	HEVER GOLF ROCKET 12 T Naughton 3-8-12	Dane O'Neill	73
4	(3)	-030	SELECT CHOICE 25 A Jarvis 3-8-12	S Drowne	98
5	(6)		SEVERITY W Haggas 3-8-12	D Holland	–
6	(1)		TURNERS WAY S Dow 3-8-12	J F Egan	–
7	(2)	222	FONTEYN 12 A Stewart 3-8-7	S Whitworth	●
8	(4)	0-	FORWARD MISS 278 C Benstead 3-8-7	J Lowe	–

[illegible] Fonteyn, 11-4 Select Choice, 7-1 Taffs Well, 8-1 Hever Golf Rocket, 10-1 Severity, 16-1 Turners Way, 25-1 Velvet Jones, 50-1 Forward Miss

4.30 SANDGATE MOTORS SKODA FELICIA HANDICAP

(£3,018: 5f) (9)

1	(7)	0420	MOUSEHOLE 11 (D,F) R Guest 5-10-0	P Bloomfield	98
2	[illegible]	2565	KILDEE LAD 14 (D,F,S) A P Jones 7-9-13	S Drowne	97
3	(7)	5430	SALLY SLADE 4 (D,F,G,S) C Cyzer 5-9-11	W J O'Connor	93
4	(9)	0502	FRIENDLY BRAVE 11 (CD,F,S) Gay Kelleway 7-9-12	S Sanders	92
5	(4)	3120	TEAR WHITE 14 (D,F) T Mills 3-9-7	D Holland	91
6	(3)	2021	THE FUGATIVE 12 (CD,S) P Mitchell 4-9-5	A Whelan (3)	90
7	[illegible]	6004	VILLAGE NATIVE 9 (B,C,F) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-2	Martin Dwyer (3)	91
8	(6)	0145	LITTLESTONE ROCKET 26 (B,CD,F) W Muir 3-8-11	Dane O'Neill	92
9	(5)	2001	SUPERLAD 11 (D,F,S) J Bridger 5-8-2	P Doe (7)	93

7-4 The Fugative, 7-2 Friendly Brave, 6-1 Superlad, 7-1 Kildee Lad, 10-1 Sally Slade, [illegible] Mousehole, Village Native, 16-1 others

5.05 LESLIE AMES MEMORIAL FILLIES HANDICAP

(£2,966: 1m 4f) (8)

1	(5)	-043	ANTIGUAN JANE 12 (B) R Armstrong 4-10-0	C Carter	87
2	[illegible]	4003	TART 11 (G) J Pearce 4-9-10	N Day	97
3	(2)	3151	DIZZY TILLY 9 (D,G,S) T Naughton 3-9-7 (5ex)	D Holland	92
4	(3)	2513	MONO LADY 35 (B,C,S) D Haydn Jones 4-9-5	A Mackay	91
5	4	3030	KRISTAL BREEZE 9 (D,F,G,S) W Muir 5-9-2	W J O'Connor	95
6	(6)	3-01	ITATINGA 6 (S) M Stoute 2-9-2 (5ex)	D Harrison	97
7	(1)	5234	LAGUNA BAY 26 A Jarvis 3-8-7	S Drowne	●
8	(7)	2005	WONTCOSTALOTBUT 0 M Wilkinson 3-8-6	S Whitworth	89

5-4 Itatinga, 3-1 Dizzy Tilly, 6-1 Mono Lady, 7-1 Laguna Bay, 8-1 Kristal Breeze, 10-1 Tart, 12-1 Antiguan Jane, 20-1 Wontcostalotbut

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Stoute, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; S Williams, 9 from 32, 28.1%; C Horgan, 7 from 25, 28%; W Jarvis, 6 from 22, [illegible]; N Callaghan, 7 from 29, 24.1%; W Haggas, 4 from 19, 21.1%.

JOCKEYS: N Day, 3 winners from 14 rides, 21.4%; Dane O'Neill, 13 from 71, 18.3%; D Holland, 9 from 67, 13.4%; S Sanders, 12 from 95, 12.6%; S Whitworth, 9 from 78, 11.5%; M J Dwyer, 3 from 27, 11.1%.

Blinkered first time

FOLKESTONE: 3.25 Won't Forget Me. NEWMARKET: 2.35 Blueridge Dancer. 4.15 La Vizelle, Patricia Olive, Three Tenners. 5.20 Burn Out, Northern Fleet.

EPSOM

THUNDERER
6.30 Bernardo Bellotto. 7.00 Taunt. 7.30 Mr Cube. 8.00 Traceability. 8.30 Paris Babe. 9.00 Night Wink.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.30 EBF LORDS TAVERNERS CHARITY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,323: 6f) (9 runners)

1	03	AMERICAN COUSIN 7 B Meehan 9-0	M Tebbutt	3
2	2422	BERNARDO BELLOTTO 10 M Bell 9-0	T Quinn	7
3	5	COOLIN RIVER 30 K Burke 9-0	J F Egan	9
4	2	LEND A HAND 40 M Johnston 9-0	J Weaver	5
5		OK JOHN J Akehurst 9-0	S Sanders	4
6	05	PIANIST 23 G Lewis 9-0	A Clark	1
7	00	READY FONTAINE 18 J Neville 9-0	A McGlone	8
8	223	RON'S PET 53 (BF) R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	6
9		ULANITA B Palling 8-9	T Sprake	2

2-1 Lend A Hand, 5-2 Bernardo Bellotto, 7-2 Ron's Pet, 8-1 American Cousin, 10-1 Coolin River, 16-1 Pianist, 20-1 Ulanita, 25-1 others

7.00 PHILIPS LIGHTING MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £3,485: 1m 4f 10yd) (5)

1	000	COBLE 53 B Hills 9-0	T Quinn	1
2	0	DARIEN 82 R Charlton 9-0	T Sprake	2
3	0	DOUBLY SHARP 21 M Johnston 9-0	J Weaver	5
4	0-0	SUCH BOLDNESS 61 R Akehurst 9-0	S Sanders	4
5	6322	TAUNT 20 D Morley 9-0	Pat Eddery	3

2-9 Taunt, 13-1 Coble, 12-1 Darien, 14-1 Doubly Sharp, 16-1 Such Boldness

7.30 ANDREX HANDICAP

(£3,761: 7f) (15)

1	0205	BANZHAF 33 (D) G L Moore 4-9-12	K Fallon	8
2	0310	RIFIFI 16 (BF,G) R Ingram 4-9-10	Pat Eddery	2
3	0132	TWIN CREEKS 14 (D,F) V Soane 6-9-9	C Rutter	13
4	1200	GREATEST 18 (B,D,F) Gay Kelleway 6-9-6	D Holland	15
5	4652	SEA DANZIG 12 (D,F) J Bridger 4-9-3	D Harrison	5
6	0000	BALANCE OF POWER 25 (CD,F,G) S Dow 5-9-2	S Sanders	1
7	3140	SPEEDY CLASSIC 23 (D,F) M Heaton-Ellis 8-9-2	A Clark	7
8	1044	RESIST THE FORCE 25 (BF) C Cyzer 7-9-1	R Ffrench (5)	14
9	6019	ABTAAL 12 (D,F,G) R Hodges 7-8-12	Amanda Sanders (5)	12
10	0-65	HANNALOU 23 T Mills 4-8-10	T Quinn	4
11	4022	MR CUBE 14 (B,D,F,G) J Bradley 7-8-9	C Lowther (7)	6
12	-240	CHEVAL ROC 55 R Hannon 3-8-6	Dane O'Neill	9
13	0003	SUPREME MAIMOON 12 (D) M Polglase 3-8-5	T G McLaughlin	11
14	0422	LA CHATELAINE 19 (BF) G Lewis 3-7-10	P Fessey (3)	3
15	0007	ROSEATE LODGE 43 (C,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 11-7-10	Jenny Benson (7)	10

5-1 Mr Cube, 6-1 Twin Creeks, 6-1 Rififi, Resist The Force, La Chatelaine, 10-1 Banzhaf, Hannalou, Roseate Lodge, 12-1 others

8.00 EVENING STANDARD HANDICAP

(£5,409: 1m 2f 18yd) (14)

1	6-01	BRIGHSTONE 25 (D,F) M Pipe 4-10-0	A McGlone	4
2	4131	VOLA VIA 19 (D,F,S) I Balding 4-9-8	Martin Dwyer (3)	8
3	-000	YALTA 21 (F) R Charlton 4-9-8	T Sprake	6
4	-020	GINZBOURG 20 (S) J Dunlop 3-9-1	Pat Eddery	6
5	0020	EDAN HEIGHTS 10 (D,S) S Dow 5-9-1	S Sanders	3
6	-231	HACHIYAH 15 (D,S) D Morley 3-9-1	R Hills	11
7	-015	ANOTHER NIGHT 18 (F) R Hannon 3-9-1	Dane O'Neill	2
8	-510	HENLEY 20 (D,F) D Loder 3-9-1	D R McCabe	13
9	005-	BURNING 318 (D,F) W Haggas 5-9-0	K Fallon	10
10	1040	NORTHERN SUN 14 (F,G) T Mills 3-8-12	T Quinn	7
11	4553	TRACEABILITY 12 (F,S) S C Williams 4-8-11	J Reid	9
12	4126	TOM TAILOR 14 (D,S) D Elsworth 3-8-9	R Mullen (5)	1
13	0462	RISING DOUGH 11 (CD,F,G) G L Moore 5-8-4	A Clark	12
14	4403	PIQUANT 39 (F,G,S) Lord Huntingdon 10-7-13	Aimee Cook (5)	14

5-1 Hachiyah, 6-1 Vola Via, 13-2 Traceability, 7-1 Ginzbourg, 8-1 Edan Heights, Henley, 10-1 Another Night, Piquant, 12-1 others.

8.30 H H & S CLAIMING STAKES

(£3,241: 6f) (7)

1	0-40	PARIS BABE 18 (D,G) D Morris 5-9-8	N Day	4
2	-5022	MONTENDRE 28 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 10-8-10	J Reid	3
3	4400	THE FRISKY FARMER 25 (D,F,S) W G M Turner 4-8-8	D Sweeney (5)	6
4	0026	PETER PERFECT 26 (B) G Lewis 3-8-6	Paul Eddery	5
5	0	TASHANNAH 25 P Hedger 4-8-6	R Ffrench (5)	1
6	0045	SERETSE'S NEPHEW 126 (D) M Polglase 3-8-3	Martin Dwyer (3)	2
7	4-34	GOPI 84 R Hannon 3-7-10	J Quinn	7

2-1 Gopi, 5-2 Montendre, 5-1 Peter Perfect, 13-2 Paris Babe, 8-1 The Frisky Farmer, 10-1 Seretse's Nephew, 33-1 Tashannah.

9.00 SPORTSGUIDE NEW HORIZONS MINIBUS HANDICAP

(£3,404: 1m 114yd) (7)

1	0004	NIGHT WINK 25 (D,F,G) G L Moore 5-10-0	S Whitworth	5
2	1600	BLUE FLYER 130 (B,F) R Ingram 4-10-0	A McGlone	2
3	4130	SOOTY TERN 15 (D,F,G) J Bradley 10-9-8	R Ffrench (5)	1
4	4410	WHISPERED MELODY 9 (BF,F) R Akehurst 4-9-1	T Quinn	6
5	5231	RENATA'S PRINCE 5 (D,G,S) K Burke 4-8-12 (5ex)	K Fallon	3
6	-404	DOUBLE FLIGHT 21 (F) M Johnston 3-8-11	J Weaver	4
7	-050	ABSOLUTELY FAYRE 18 (F) V Soane 6-8-7	C Rutter	7

3-1 Renata's Prince, 4-1 Night Wink, Double Flight, 9-2 Whispered Melody, 6-1 Sooty Tern, 7-1 Blue Flyer, 16-1 Absolutely Fayre.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lord Huntingdon, 8 winners from 23 runners, 34.8%; M Johnston, 7 from 28, 25.0%; Miss G Kelleway, 4 from 18, 22.2%; D Elsworth, 6 from 30, 20.0%; J Dunlop, 8 from 42, 19.0%; R Charlton, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: K Fallon, 5 winners from 18 rides, 27.8%; S Sanders, 11 from 53, 20.8%; Pat Eddery, 28 from 198, 18.9%; D Harrison, 5 from 29, 17.2%; D Holland, 6 from 40, 15.0%; A Clark, 3 from 24, 12.5%; J Weaver, 4 from 32, 12.5%.

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BOXING

Commission may show Tyson undue leniency

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN LAKE TAHOE

EVEN as the Nevada State Athletic Commission prepares to deliver its verdict on Mike Tyson for disgracing his sport, the former world champion is beginning to emerge in some boxing circles as a cult hero. Powerful and influential forces do not want to see Tyson disappear from the boxing scene for too long. For such is the interest in his next contest that when Don King, his promoter, is able to put him on again, he would have no trouble filling stadiums as large as the LA Colosseum or Soldier Field, Chicago. Pay-per-view would be astronomical.

Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, has said it would gladly put on Tyson when he returns, if MGM does not renew its contract with him. Even Donald Trump, the owner of several casinos in Atlantic City, believes Tyson has become a promoter's dream.

All around you hear "yes, buts" as, more and more, Tyson's action is being seen by boxing people simply as a part of the seamy side of a sport that has been thought over the years to be a world of lovable rogues, who do no more than add colour to the game.

Frank Maloney, Lennox Lewis's manager, believes that the whole thing has been blown out of all proportion. "The one thing that matters in boxing is dollar bills," he said. "Tyson's next fight will be the biggest in the history of the sport. How could I not promote it if the opportunity arose?"

It is hard to believe that barely a fortnight ago, Tyson was being seen in the same circles as a despicable cheat, seeking a way out of certain defeat against Holyfield. Now Tyson has become the saviour of the sport. Some people appear to have forgotten the sight of Tyson chewing at Holyfield's ears.

The enormity of Tyson's act was vividly illustrated in an article in *New Scientist*. Tom Korioth, of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, said: "Tyson's teeth exerted a force of 20 kilograms, while most of us exert a force of 10kg ... He was shearing and tearing, which is almost alligator-like. The ear is mainly cartilage. You have to exert a lot of pressure to bite through it." What would Maloney have thought if Tyson had attacked Lewis in the same way?

All this, of course, goes against the grain of public thinking. According to a poll conducted by CBS, 85 per cent believe that Tyson should be given a ban for life. So it is not surprising that members of the public, sports enthusiasts and leading sports columnists in the United States are beginning to fear that the Nevada State Athletic Commission might bow to casino pressure.

Jim Thomas, Holyfield's lawyer, said: "Holyfield has no direct interest in punishing Tyson. Boxing is at the crossroads. All the world is watching. If Mike Tyson is not severely punished, then the wrong message will be sent. Evander wants to see that boxing resumes as an honourable sport."

Those who control the sport in Nevada are making many people believe that a deal may already have been made behind the scenes. King is thought to have been working overtime to see that Tyson is not out of action for too long.

However, Gordy Fink, Nevada's senior Deputy Attorney-General, said that the commission would be revoking Tyson's licence. "Revoked means revoked," Fink said. "Tyson loses his licence indefinitely." He added that it would be up to Tyson to apply for a new licence and prove that he is worthy of getting one.

Since the incident, the Nevada legislature has approved a bill to confiscate the entire purse of boxers who bite or commit similar offences, which suggests that a life ban will not be imposed on Tyson.

Since Oliver McCall was recently fined $250,000 and suspended for a year by the commission for refusing to put up a fight against Lewis, Tyson can scarcely expect a similar ban. McCall was a drug addict and a sick man, who was not responsible for his actions in the ring and who should never have been allowed to fight. So, almost certainly, Tyson's ban would have to be for more than a year. It only remains for the commission to decide what period would prove a punitive suspension for a man like Tyson.

If Tyson were a lesser figure, he would almost certainly have been given a life ban or be out for at least four years.

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A laid-back Lewis focuses on his World Boxing Council heavyweight championship bout against Henry Akinwande on Saturday

Jockeying for position under the axe

SIMON BARNES

Midweek View

Jocked off. It is a frightening expression. It is used for the jockey who is promised a plum ride — and then has it taken away. That is what happened to Kieren Fallon, a rising jockey who, until Saturday, was considered the hottest thing since Tabasco. His riding performance on Bosra Sham, however, has undone him.

Fallon, in a nanosecond of misjudgment, rode his horse up a cul-de-sac and had to reverse out, by which time the race was lost. Many accomplished race-readers said he would not have won anyway. Not so Henry Cecil, the trainer of the horse.

He refused to make public criticism of Fallon — merely saying that "the whole thing was appalling and if people don't have the eyes to see it, they should not go racing". This does not constitute uncritical support of his stable jockey. Fallon was jocked off his big-race mount yesterday, Lady Carla, which is owned by Wafic Said, who is also the owner of Bosra Sham. He had the Cecil stable's second string to ride — but all the same, ouch! It is the very stuff of sport: total humiliation and, naturally, in public.

When in doubt, blame the jockey. Slag him off in public. Find a scapegoat. And then jock him off. All of which brings us to Manchester. I must say, the whole thing was appalling. If people don't have the eyes to see that, they should not go to the cricket.

The England bowlers let Australia regroup when they had them on the run. The England batters failed to score runs when they got themselves set and had the best of conditions.

Increasingly, Australia swaggered, England skulked. After the near-fiasco at Lord's, we find England in something of a can't-bat-can't-bowl-can't-field situation. Two poor performances have put Australia in pole position and, if England are to regain the Ashes, they will have to improve out of sight on their previous two performances.

But, stunningly, England are not seeking a scapegoat. They have announced that no one is to be jocked off and that they will march into battle at Headingley on July 24 with an unchanged side.

Now this is good news for the chaps who have suffered the public humiliation, but it is poor news for the aspirants who scented their chance in the misfortunes of others.

It comes at a time when all the talk is about injecting a hardness into England cricket, a hardness into domestic competition. At the absolute turning-point of an Ashes series, they have gone for cosy clubbability. It is the kindness, the softness of approach, that persisted throughout the international career of poor Graeme Hick.

It is the nature of sport to highlight the personal crises of its participants. How the player handles them, or how they are handled for him, will often determine the course of his career and, perhaps, his life. Kindness, viciousness: either of these things can make or destroy an athlete. It is matters such as this that give sport its grisly fascination.

Hick was the most powerful batsman seen for an age, but when he made his long-awaited Test match debut, Curtly Ambrose destroyed him forever. Certainly, he was never the same again. He was persevered with, treated with kindness and gentleness, given a succession of chances and never made a scapegoat. He made runs, here and there, too, but he never became what he had promised to be for seven long years: the saviour of English cricket. He wasn't hard enough, alas.

Let us turn to Ian Botham. He was England captain, falling 1-0 down and making a pair at Lord's. Made the scapegoat at the turning-point of an Ashes series. Resigning, then being stabbed in the back by the chairman of selectors, Alec Bedser, who told the world that he would have been sacked anyway. Botham came back to tear the Australians apart single-handed in the unforgettable series of 1981. Two crises, two men, two outcomes.

One terrible and appalling cock-up does not mean that a person is no good. Or not necessarily. The public humiliations of sporting people are always said to be "character-forming"; the truth is that they are character-revealing. They reveal the victim/villain's character to the world, and often enough to himself.

The fact of the matter is that the giving of false confidence is every bit as destructive as vindictive scapegoatery. "Confidence is a skill," John Syer, a sports psychologist, told me. "And, as such, it can be acquired. Saying there-there and offering cups of tea, or sacking someone — both these things are just amateurish."

Perhaps. But perhaps self-belief is like the law of physics that says that "man cannot make or destroy matter". Mike Brearley, appointed captain in the wake of Botham's dismisssal, said: "Beef, are you sure you want to play? If you don't, I will fully understand."

Perfect, psychology. Botham remembers. "Of course I bloody want to play, Brears. I feel good about this match." The rest is history. Or mythology.

IN BRIEF

Gould gets away to bright start at Bristol

NICK GOULD, the local hope, was the first player through to the second round of the Bristol Challenger tennis tournament at Redland Green yesterday. The British No 16, from Cleeve, near Bristol, had few problems defeating Barry Cowan, of Lancashire, 6-1, 6-4 in little more than an hour.

Nick Weal, of Hampshire, who reached the final at Bristol last year, fell in the first round, beaten 6-3, 7-5 by Chris Haggard, of South Africa.

Rugby union: Newly-promoted Newcastle face a testing opening fixture in the Allied Dunbar Premiership away to Bath, on August 23. The match will be televised live by Sky. Wasps, the champions, and Leicester are not engaged in the opening round of matches because neither club's ground is available.

OTHER FIXTURES: Richmond v London Irish, Gloucester v Bristol, Northampton v Harlequins, Sale v Saracens (Sunday).

Hockey: Maggie Souyave, the England coach, kept faith with the squad that finished fourth in the six nations' competition in Seoul last week for the World Cup qualifying tournament in Harare, Zimbabwe, from August 1 to 12.

ENGLAND SQUAD: K Bowden (Leicester), P Miller (Leicester), J Mould (Leicester), C Voss (Leicester), K Brown (Slough), L Copeland (Slough), J Smith (Slough), M Nicholls (Slough), T Cullen (Hightown), C Reid (Hightown), D Marston-Smith (Clifton), J Empson (Canterbury), H Rose (University of Massachusetts), J Sixsmith (Sutton Coldfield), M Davies (Sutton Coldfield, captain), L Wright (Clifton).

Polo: Labegorce, who are put together by the French player, Hubert Perrodo, defeated the Canadian John Manconi's Pommery 9-8 in the Veuve Clicquot British Open at Ambersham yesterday.

LABEGORCE: 1, H Perrodo (0), 2, N Achada (8), 3, C Gracida (10). Back, J Le Hardy (4).
POMMERY: 1, J Manconi (1), 2, G Donoso (9), 3, P Alberdi (10); Back, J Goode (2).

Sailing: Irvine Laidlaw's Swan 60, *Highland Fling*, is starting to take a firm hold on proceedings at the Rolex Swan European Regatta at Cowes, where she won her second consecutive race yesterday. There are just two more races left to sail — today and tomorrow.

Rugby league: Bobbie Goulding, the St Helens captain, will lead his side against Halifax Blue Sox on Sunday after undergoing a hernia operation that has kept him out of the game for a month.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket

Going: good

2.05 (7f) 1, Craigsteel (K Fallon, 5-4 fav); 2, Victory Note (4-1); 3, Indimaaj (25-1). 9 ran. NR: Comche, Jalaab. 2½l, 6l. H Cecil. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.70, £2.70. DF: £5.10. Trio: £49.30. CSF: £5.46.

2.35 (1m) 1, Ben Gunn (R Cochrane, 14-1); 2, Kenmare Star (6-1); 3, Suez Tornado (16-1); 4, Toujours Riviera (20-1). Family Man 5-1 fav. 20 ran. Hd, nk. P Walwyn. Tote: £14.80; £2.80, £1.90, £4.10, £4.90. DF: £53.60. Trio: £675.10. CSF: £79.57. Tricast: £1,285.77.

3.05 (6f) 1, Asfurah (L Dettori, 9-2); 2, Crazee Mental (8-1); 3, Forest Treasure (16-1). Stayingalive 9-4 fav. 12 ran. 1l, 1¾l. S bin Suroor. Tote: £4.10; £1.80, £2.20, £4.50. DF: £11.80. Trio: £88.30. CSF: £35.22.

3.40 (1m 4f) 1, Shantou (L Dettori, 11-4); 2, Swain (15-8 fav); 3, Taipan (10-1). 7 ran. Hd, 4l. J Gosden. Tote: £2.70; £1.70, £1.70. DF: £3.00. CSF: £6.85.

4.10 (6f) 1, Danetime (Pat Eddery, 13-8 fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Elnadim (5-1); 3, Soviet Leader (20-1). 10 ran. NR: Caerdily Dancer. 2l, ¾l. N Callaghan. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £2.00, £5.60. DF: £7.10. Trio: £109.90. CSF: £8.82. Tricast: £113.69.

4.45 (7f) 1, Noisette (L Dettori, 5-1); 2, Plaisir D'Amour (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Amuhan (7-1). Dancing Drop 4-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. 1¾l, hd. J Gosden. Tote: £3.90; £1.40, £1.80, £2.30. DF: £9.40. Trio: £28.90. CSF: £22.55. Tricast: £129.37.

5.15 (7f) 1, Haami (R Hills, Evens fav); 2, Opera King (3-1); 3, Trident (11-1). 10 ran. 2l, nk. J Dunlop. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £1.40, £2.30. DF: £3.00. Trio: £12.10. CSF: £3.68.

5.45 (5f) 1, Gone Savage (R Cochrane, 10-1); 2, Manolo (16-1); 3, Literary Society (10-1); 4, Willow Dale (14-1). Royal Dome 7-1 fav. 18 ran. Sh hd, sh hd, ½l. W Musson at Newmarket. Tote: £11.70; £2.80, £3.80, £2.60, £3.10. DF: £91.40. Trio: £606.90. CSF: £143.50. Tricast: £1,500.09.

Jackpot: £13,363.10.

Placepot: £44.60. Quadpot: £10.40.

Pontefract

Going: good

2.20 (1m 2l 6yd) 1, Cashmirie (Miss Diane Jones, 11-4 fav); 2, Benjamins Law (16-1); 3, Bold Top (10-1); 4, Craigary (33-1). 16 ran. NR: Junior Ben, Royal Acclaim. 2½l, 1¼l. J Eyre. Tote: £3.50; £1.40, £3.20, £2.80, £6.40. DF: £46.30. Trio: £370.10. CSF: £45.75. Tricast: £388.31.

2.50 (6f) 1, Composition (F Lynch, 5-1); 2, Legs Be Frendly (7-1); 3, Jacobina (14-1). Ero Codigo 4-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: Who Nose. ¾l, 2½l. M Jarvis. Tote: £5.70; £2.00, £1.90, £6.00. DF: £11.50. Trio: £269.90. CSF: £38.77. Tricast: £449.13.

3.25 (1m 2l 6yd) 1, Song Of Freedom (G Hind, 11-2); 2, Danlesque (5-1); 3, Ghillies Ball (16-1). Bright Heritage 9-4 fav. 13 ran. 1¼l, 2½l. J Gosden. Tote: £5.90; £2.20, £1.70, £4.30. DF: £9.00. Trio: £104.30. CSF: £30.60.

3.55 (6f) 1, Cim Bom Bom (G Faulkner, 4-1); 2, Bowlers Boy (6-1); 3, Colway Ritz (33-1). Fame Again 3-1 fav. 15 ran. 4l, ½l. M Bell. Tote: £6.60; £3.40, £2.30, £8.80. DF: £26.80. Trio: £348.90. CSF: £25.31. Tricast: £656.66.

4.25 (1m 4l 8yd) 1, Machiavelli (A McGlone, 9-2); 2, Nightiark (11-8 fav); 3, Royal Crown (7-2). 11 ran. NR: Jazz Track. Hd, 3l. H Cecil. Tote: £5.00; £1.70, £1.10, £1.60. DF: £4.70. Trio: £5.40. CSF: £10.27.

5.00 (1m 4yd) 1, McGillycuddy Reeks (Kim Tinkler, 20-1); 2, Al Reet (13-2); 3, Broughton's Pride (14-1). Russian Olive 4-1 fav. 13 ran. 3½l, 1¼l. E Incisa. Tote: £17.20; £4.50, £2.10, £2.90. DF: £67.80. Trio: £438.30. CSF: £124.27. Tricast: £1,146.12.

5.30 (1m 2l 6yd) 1, Florentino (A Munro, 11-4); 2, Nichol Fifty (5-2); 3, Hardy Dancer (12-1). Smart Spirit 2-1 fav. 7 ran. NR: Slip Jig. 1¼l, 4l. B Hills. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £2.30. DF: £5.10. CSF: £9.31.

Placepot: £188.80. Quadpot: £24.00.

Monday's late details

Windsor

Going: good

6.40 (1m 2l 7yd) 1, Haroldon (Dane O'Neill, 20-1); 2, Your Most Welcome (7-1); 3, Princess Danielle (11-4 fav). 13 ran. ¾l, sh hd. B Palling. Tote: £31.10; £6.10, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £46.70. Trio: £102.70. CSF: £132.08. Tricast: £465.61.

7.10 (1m 3l 135yd) 1, Jazz King (J Reid, 13-2); 2, Dominant Duchess (11-4); 3, Epworth (2-1 fav). 5 ran. 2l, 3l. Miss G Kelleway. Tote: £8.60; £2.10, £1.90. DF: £8.40. CSF: £21.24.

7.40 (1m 67yd) 1, Whatever's Right (K Fallon, 10-1); 2, Delight Of Dawn (15-2); 3, Chasetown Flyer (11-2); 4, Mutli Franchise (12-1). Noeprob 5-1 fav. 17 ran. NR: Deevee. Nk, 1½l. M Usher. Tote: £18.00; £3.00, £2.00, £1.60, £3.90. DF: £74.90. Trio: £160.80. CSF: £77.71. Tricast: £445.73.

8.10 (5l 10yd) 1, Centre Court (Dane O'Neill, 4-1); 2, Loch Laird (6-1); 3, Little Fuzz (20-1). Tom 5-2 fav. 12 ran. NR: Nicklies. 2½l, ¾l. R Hannon. Tote: £5.90; £2.50, £1.90, £5.80. DF: £7.80. Trio: £135.80. CSF: £26.34.

8.40 (5l 217yd) 1, Distinctive Dream (Martin Dwyer, 12-1); 2, Batsman (33-1); 3, Will To Win (10-1); 4, Nervous Rex (8-1). V I P Charlie 4-1 fav. 21 ran. 1¼l, sh hd. K Ivory. Tote: £14.60; £2.70, £12.60, £2.20, £1.60. DF: £538.00. CSF: £359.77. Tricast: £3,805.97.

9.10 (1m 67yd) 1, Wishing Stone (K Fallon, 6-4 fav); 2, Slipstream Star (33-1); 3, Keralsa (7-4). 12 ran. Nk, hd. E Dunlop. Tote: £3.20; £1.10, £8.90, £1.60. DF: £105.70. CSF: £53.17.

Placepot: £87.20. Quadpot: £9.40.

Ripon

Going: good

7.00 (1m 2f) 1, Sun Mark (S Sanders, 9-2); 2, Guesstimation (3-1 fav); 3, Bernard Seven (10-1). 15 ran. NR: Chief's Spirit, Rush Me Not. Tovarich. Hd, 4l. Mrs A Swinbank. Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £1.90, £4.10. DF: £9.00. CSF: £19.19.

7.25 (5f) 1, Happy Days Again (J Carroll, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Prime Hand (5-1); 3, Zoi (5-1). Italian Rose 4-1 jt-fav. 18 ran. Hd, 2l. J Wharton. Tote: £5.90; £1.70, £2.50, £2.70. DF: £21.40. Trio: £58.90. CSF: £26.59.

7.55 (1m) 1, Dispol Gem (K Darley, 9-1); 2, Nkapen Rocks (14-1); 3, Fancy A Fortune (14-1); 4, Impulsive Air (7-1 jt-fav). Jedi Knight, Morocco 7-1 jt-favs. 20 ran. ½l, ½l. P Calver. Tote: £9.70; £2.10, £3.20, £7.40, £2.70. DF: £111.20. CSF: £122.90. Tricast: £1,689.31.

8.25 (6f) 1, Cauda Equina (A Culhane, 7-1); 2, Style Dancer (8-1); 3, Bayford Thrust (7-2 fav). 11 ran. ¾l, 1l. M Channon. Tote: £8.20; £2.70, £2.50, £1.50. DF: £64.90. Trio: £34.20. CSF: £63.07. Tricast: £221.80.

8.55 (1m 4l 60yd) 1, Real Estate (S Sanders, 4-6 fav); 2, Swiftway (12-1); 3, High Explorer (9-1). 5 ran. NR: Captain Flint. 4l, 3l. C Wall. Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £2.60. DF: £5.90. CSF: £9.62.

9.25 (1m) 1, Shawm (K Darley, 8-15 fav); 2, West A Bit (25-1); 3, Serious Account (12-1). 9 ran. 3½l, sh hd. D Loder. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.70, £1.70. DF: £13.70. CSF: £22.71.

Placepot: £43.00. Quadpot: £13.10.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

6.45 Lord Nitrogen. 7.15 Honeybed Wood. 7.45 Fosbury. 8.15 Shifting Moon. 8.45 Holders Hill. 9.15 Sea Tarth.

GOING: GOOD SIS

6.45 HARPLEY NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,406: 2m 4f) (20 runners)

1	30/1	LIGHTNING QUEST 12 (G) Mrs S Smith 6-11-3	R Guest
2	41-2	LORD NITROGEN 12 (BF,G) B Llewellyn 7-11-3	Mr J L Llewellyn
3	43-1	PRIME OF LIFE 21 (CD,F) J Eustace 7-11-3	S McNeill
4	35-8	AMERCIUS 11 J L Harris 5-10-10	A S Smith
5	34-4	HIGH SUMMER 25 T Thomson Jones 7-10-10	M A Fitzgerald
6	1P-6	MANKIND 12 (G) N Lampard 6-10-10	Mr L Baker (7)
7	PP-	RED NECK 46P P Bowen 6-10-10	R Johnson
8	2/F-	STRONG STUFF 235 (F) K Bailey 7-10-10	N Williamson
9	002-	PALAMON 9F P Eccles 4-10-7	A Maguire
10	005-	PHONE THE PIPELINE 88 M Pipe 4-10-7	A P McCoy
11	0/F6	BETTER WIND 10 C J Price 8-10-5	W Marston
12	U-3	DAMARITA 26 J R Best 6-10-5	Mr P O'Keeffe (7)
13	0/P-	MAENAD 145 D French Davis 6-10-5	R Dunwoody
14	00-	MISS KILWORTH 112 K Bridgwater 6-10-5	W McFarland
15	P	MY THREE GIRLS 21 R Williams 9-10-5	R Supple
16	P6-P	SCARRA DARRAGH 11 L Grassick 7-10-5	Mr O McPhail (7)
17	533/	SUPER SARENA 814 P Hobbs 8-10-5	C Llewellyn
18	0P	TOM'S MRS-T 11 O Carter 8-10-5	Miss V Roberts (7)
19	F	ZELIBA 28 P Channings 5-10-5	A Thornton
20	00-	MISS BLUES SINGER 49 A Chamberlain 4-10-2	B Powell

4-1 Prime Of Life, 5-1 Lightning Quest, 13-2 Lord Nitrogen, 7-1 High Summer, 8-1 Strong Stuff, Palamon, Phone The Pipeline, Super Sarena, 16-1 others.

7.15 PERSHORE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,355: 3m) (11)

1	5-26	ELITE GOVERNOR 11 (D,F,G) N Lampard 8-11-12	R Dunwoody
2	-411	HONEYBED WOOD 11 (C,F,G,S) M Sheppard 9-11-5	A P McCoy
3	0-33	LANDLORD 21 (G) P Bowen 5-11-3	L Cummins (5)
4	U3-2	MEADOW COTTAGE 32P (D,F) J Spearing 11-11-2	A Maguire
5	33-3	GENEREUX 12 (V) S Mellor 4-11-0	A Thornton
6	04-3	CYPRESS AVENUE 32 (BF) Mrs V Ward 5-10-9	N Williamson
7	524-	HEMERO 67P R Buckler 5-10-4	B Powell
8	50-4	MESP 32 (V) J O'Shea 6-10-2	L Wyer
9	/PP-	BLAKEWAY 209 G Ham 10-10-0	Mr R Thornton (3)
10	U83-	SPIRIT LEVEL 48 J R Payne 9-10-0	Mr S Durack (7)
11	P60-	HIDDEN FLOWER 48 (V) H Howe 8-10-0	Miss E J Jones (7)

9-4 Honeybed Wood, 9-2 Cypress Avenue, 5-1 Genereux, 7-1 Landlord, Mesp, 8-1 Elite Governor, Spirit Level, 14-1 others.

7.45 WADHAM KENNING WORCESTER VAUXHALL HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,823: 2m 7f 110yd) (12)

1	16/P	WELSH LEGION 11 (F,G,S) P Bowen 12-11-10	N Williamson
2	112-	FINAL PRIDE 39 (BF,F,G,S) P Bowen 11-11-7	R Johnson
3	1-21	GLAMANGLITZ 10 (D,F,G) P Dalton 7-11-6	B Fenton
4	15-P	VOLIEM 18 (G,S) C James 7-11-5	C Llewellyn
5	UP-5	JIM VALENTINE 32 (F,S) D Wintle 11-11-3	W Marston
6	111-	FOSBURY 39P (F,G,S) P Nicholls 12-11-2	Mr J Tizzard (7)
7	34-2	PERUVIAN GALE 18 (F,G) Mrs S Smith 8-10-12	R Guest
8	1-61	WALLS COURT 12 (F,G) J Bickett 10-10-6	M Moloney
9	52P-	RIGHT TO WIN 38 (F,G) L Grassick 9-10-6	Mr O McPhail (7)
10	3F3-	FIRST CLASS 67 (F) G Allard 7-10-4	R Greene
11	03-P	PANDORA'S PRIZE 18 (G,S) T Wall 11-10-0	S Wynne
12	4P-P	LITTLE COURT 11 (F) E Bevan 8-10-0	T J Murphy

3-1 Peruvian Gale, 7-2 Fosbury, 9-2 Glamanglitz, 7-1 Final Pride, 8-1 Walls Court, 10-1 Jim Valentine, First Class, 16-1 others.

8.15 RADIO WYVERN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,250: 2m) (12)

1	P-01	COLOSSUS OF ROADS 12 (B,D,F,G) T Thomson Jones 8-12-0	M A Fitzgerald
2	6-22	WILLY STAR 12 (BF,D,G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-11-12	R Guest
3	65-0	NADJATI 21 (V,CD,F,G) D Gandolfo 8-11-10	R Dunwoody
4	523-	WAMDHA 255 (D,F,G,S) K Morgan 7-11-10	N Williamson
5	342-	COOLEY'S VALVE 49 (CD,F) Mrs S Williams 9-11-9	Mr R Thornton (3)
6	F41-	IN GOOD FAITH 20F (F) J J Quinn 5-11-7	C McCormack (7)
7	0-61	VISION OF FREEDOM 10 (D,F,G) P Bowen 9-11-2	L Cummins (5)
8	042-	PERSIAN MYSTIC 90 (D,G) D Wintle 5-10-11	W Marston
9	36-1	COMMANCHE CREEK 21 (B,CD,F) M Pipe 7-10-6	A P McCoy
10	4P-0	INNOCENT GEORGE 25 (F,G) Miss L Siddall 8-10-4	R Supple
11	P-43	ANDSOME BOY 10 C Barwell 4-10-2	B Fenton
12	1F-6	SHIFTING MOON 18 (F) F Jordan 5-10-0	S Wynne

7-2 Willy Star, 4-1 In Good Faith, 9-2 Colossus Of Roads, 8-1 Commanche Creek, 10-1 Cooley's Valve, Andsome Boy, 12-1 Wamdha, Vision Of Freedom, Persian Mystic, 14-1 others.

8.45 BROCKHAMPTON NOVICES CHASE
(£3,160: 2m) (17)

1	31/1	BRAMBLEBERRY 11 (CD,G,S) Mrs S Smith 8-11-4	R Guest
2	U1-3	GIMME 18 (V,D,F,G) J O'Shea 7-11-4	Michael Brennan (3)
3	31F-	APPEARANCE MONEY 46 (D,G) F Murphy 6-10-13	A Maguire
4	62-2	BATTERY FIRED 21 N Mason 8-10-11	D Gallagher
5	3U2-	COURSING GLEN 264 Miss M Rowland 9-10-11	Mr R Thornton (3)
6	F-82	DRUMMOND WARRIOR 11 (BF,F) T Thomson Jones 8-10-11	M A Fitzgerald
7	F55-	FENWICK'S BROTHER 163 (F) Mrs S Smith 7-10-11	G F Ryan (5)
8	544-	JAMESWICK 300 (F) J Dufosee 7-10-11	Mr J Tizzard (7)
9	DF-P	PEGASUS BAY 18 (D,F) D Caseldon 6-10-11	Mrs F Needham
10	U34-	RELAXED LAD 53 (B) J Peacock 8-10-11	R Bellamy
11	11-4	STAY WITH ME 25 (D,F,G,S) C Egerton 7-10-11	N Williamson
12	00/6	TAYLORS HIGHFLYER 11 R J Price 6-10-11	T J Murphy
13	60-F	THEFIELDSOFATHENRY 32 (D,F,S) A Barrow 7-10-11	A Thornton
14	20F-	HOLDERS HILL 20F (D,S) M Meagher 5-10-8	A P McCoy
15	52-3	VERDE LUNA 32 (F) D Arbuthnot 5-10-8	S McNeill
16	135/	XAIPETE 420 (F) N Mason 5-10-8	Mr E Babington (7)
17	P0-0	WOODLANDS ENERGY 15F P Pritchard 6-10-6	C Llewellyn

3-1 Brambleberry, 4-1 Drummond Warrior, 6-1 Stay With Me, 10-1 Appearance Money, Holders Hill, 12-1 Gimme, Fenwick's Brother, Verde Luna, 14-1 others.

9.15 WORCESTER STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,298: 2m) (20)

1	/1-2	SEA TARTH 32 (G) P Bowen 6-11-6	N Williamson
2	0	AIRBORNE BLUE 11 J Jenkins 6-11-4	M Ahern
3	00	BENICIA BOY 18 J McConochie 5-11-4	S McNeill
4	0-00	HEADING NORTH 11 O Carter 6-11-4	Miss V Roberts (7)
5	0	HENRY TUDOR 11 A James 5-11-4	A Maguire
6	5	JOVIAN POND 18 P R Webber 5-11-4	Mr P Scott
7		LORD MICKEY P Hobbs 5-11-4	Mr R Widger (7)
8		SAILIN MINSTREL M Pitman 6-11-4	R Farrant
9	0-	SOU SOU WESTERLY 231 C Weedon 6-11-4	M Richards
10	30	TREAT ME BOLD 25 P Bowen 5-11-4	L Cummins (5)
11	05-	BEACON LANE 49 D O'Neill 4-11-1	S O'Shea (7)
12	6-	DUNABRATTIN 60 D Thom 4-11-1	R Massey (3)
13	0	INDIAN VICEROY 25 J Turner 4-11-1	R Supple
14	22-	MARBLE CITY 115P M Pitman 4-11-1	W Marston
15	00-	MISS FORTINA 172 P Pritchard 5-10-13	C Llewellyn
16		PRIDEWOOD PHOENIX R J Price 6-10-13	Mr O McPhail (7)
17		CLODOLINDA L Cottrell 4-10-10	Mr L Jefford
18	00-0	CURTIS THE SECOND 32 C Barwell 4-10-10	B Fenton
19	0	PINLEY TITANIA 32 F Jordan 4-10-10	S Wynne
20		RAKE THE FIRE M Pipe 4-10-10	A P McCoy

11-4 Sea Tarth, 7-2 Rake The Fire, 5-1 Marble City, 8-1 Lord Mickey, Sailin Minstrel, 10-1 Treat Me Bold, 16-1 Jovian Pond, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 27 winners from 107 runners, 25.2%; P Nicholls, 11 from 46, 23.9%; K Bailey, 24 from 101, 23.8%; C Weedon, 4 from 17, 23.5%; P Hobbs, 22 from 100, 22.0%; Mrs S Smith, 6 from 34, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: L Wyer, 4 winners from 12 rides, 33.3%; A P McCoy, 31 from 122, 25.4%; N Williamson, 23 from 112, 20.5%; Mr R Thornton, 3 from 17, 17.6%; C Llewellyn, 21 from 124, 16.9%; R Massey, 5 from 30, 16.7%.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Stuart Wheeler and Rodney Leach, two stalwarts of the Portland Club, put up a good performance in the Spring Foursomes against Neil Rosen's team, the No 1 seeds. Wheeler had a chance on this hand to win the match for his team.

Dealer West Love all IMPs

♠KJ65
♥83
♦A4
♣KJ654

♠A10873
♥AQ4
♦Q3
♣Q72

N
W E
S

♠2
♥K109765
♦J9876
♣9

♠Q94
♥J2
♦K1052
♣A1083

S	W	N	E
—	1S	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: seven of spades

Gerald Tredinnick (South) won the first spade with the nine and continued with a second spade. Wheeler (West) played low, and now the declarer guessed the clubs correctly, so making two tricks in spades, five in clubs and two in diamonds. Wheeler asked me if he should have found the winning play of rising with the ace of spades and switching to a high heart.

I think he should. A significant clue is that declarer has not played on clubs. That almost certainly means he has the ace. Thus there is a great danger that the declarer's play of a spade is to establish his ninth trick. Hence it is likely that the defence has to take five tricks now.

There is room for East to hold four points (South's protective 1NT showed 10-15). If East holds the king of diamonds that won't be enough to beat the contract — if declarer guesses clubs correctly he already has enough tricks. Thus West should simply hope East's high cards are in the best place for the defence, and so play East for at least five hearts headed by the king, or for K J x x.

☐ At the BBL Summer Congress, in Buxton, the Swiss Pairs was won for the third year running by J. Holland and R. Fleischmann. The Swiss Teams was won by Mr and Mrs H. Anoyrkatis, D. Waxman and J. Williams.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

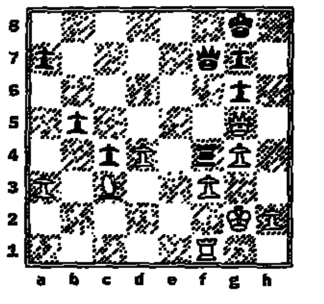
Najdorf dies

Miguel Najdorf, the Polish/Argentine grandmaster born in 1910, has died at the age of 87 in Spain. During the 1950s Najdorf twice competed in the world championship candidates tournaments and his aggressive style made him a danger to the very best. Amongst his victims were Botvinnik, Tal, Petrosian and Fischer. In 1946 Najdorf won the following game against Botvinnik, yet Najdorf was surprisingly not chosen to compete in the subsequent match tournament to decide the world champion after Alekhine had died in possession of the title. The five players selected by the World Chess Federation were Botvinnik himself, who won, Smyslov, Keres, Reshevsky and Euwe.

White: Miguel Najdorf
Black: Mikhail Botvinnik
Groningen 1946
Nimzo-Indian Defence

1	d4	e6
2	c4	Nf6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	Qc2	d5
5	cxd5	exd5
6	a3	Bxc3+
7	bxc3	c5
8	Nf3	Qa5
9	Nd2	Bd7
10	Nb3	Qa4
11	Qb2	Na6
12	e3	c4
13	Nd2	0-0
14	Be2	b5
15	Bd1	Qa5
16	Bc2	Rfe8
17	0-0	Rab8
18	Nf3	Qc7
19	Ne5	Be6
20	f3	Nc5
21	Bd2	Na4
22	Qb1	Rb6
23	Qe1	Nd7
24	Qh4	Nf8
25	e4	f6
26	Ng4	Ng6
27	Qh5	Qf7
28	Rae1	Rbb8
29	Ne3	Ne7
30	Qh4	f5
31	g4	f4
32	exd5	Ng6
33	dxe6	Rxe6
34	Bxg6	hxg6
35	Ng2	Rbe8
36	Rxe6	Rxe6
37	Nxf4	Rf6
38	Qg5	Nxc3
39	Bxc3	Rxf4
40	Kg2	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HARTAL
a. The Wildebeeste
b. A Jewish court
c. Shop-shutting

MOKIHANA
a. Haitian black magic
b. Self-abasement
c. A perfumed tree

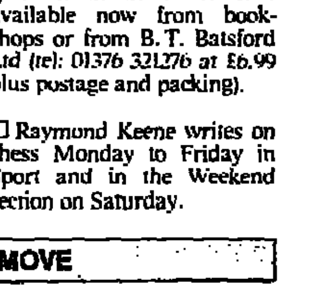
LIKKEWAAN
a. A liquorice stick
b. A Doppelganger
c. An African iguana

IMPOOF
a. A powder puff
b. Fireproof
c. An eland

Answers on page 46

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



Black to play. This position is from the game Salov — Polgar, Madrid 1997.
Judit Polgar has a fine tactical eye as she demonstrated in this tricky endgame. Can you spot the subtle move by which she exploited the hamstrung position of the white king?

Solution on page 46

CYCLING

Riis prepares to make his move

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN PLUMELEC

BJARNE RIIS, the defending Tour de France champion, sent an ominous message to the field yesterday at the climax of a dramatic third stage in the rolling countryside of Brittany.

While Riis's team-mate, Erik Zabel, wearing the green jersey as leader of the Tour's points classification, won a tough uphill sprint to the finish in Plumelec, the Dane climbed impressively to a comfortable third place, just ahead of Chris Boardman, of Great Britain, who once again demonstrated that he is in excellent form.

"I feel a lot better after that," Riis said. "I am always confident but today gives me better morale for the days still to come." Tony Rominger, of Switzerland, second in the race in 1993, and a past winner of the Tours of Spain and Italy, crashed out of the race after another big collision just 15 kilometres from Plumelec.

The mass fall on narrow and roughly surfaced roads left 50 riders, including Riis, Boardman and Jan Ullrich, of Germany, clear of the rest of the field. Alex Zülle, the 1996 Tour of Spain winner, Marco Pantani, of Italy, and Luc Leblanc, the former world champion, were among the majority of the Tour's 196 riders left to clamber unsteadily to their feet again.

Rominger sustained by far the worst injury and was taken to hospital with a broken collar-bone. The unlucky 35-year-old was competing in his final Tour before retirement and had been well placed in the overall classification in the run south towards the French Pyrenees.

Afterwards, Mario Cipollini, the race leader, launched an attack on the race organisation, blaming them for Rominger's abandonment. "It's mad bringing a race as big as the Tour onto small roads like these," Cipollini said. "We try to ride at the front to avoid crashes, but it's not possible to be there all day."

On another hot day on unforgiving rural roads, Cipollini controlled events until a group of four slipped away from the field after 110 kilometres. It was a move typical of the Tour's opening week as the quartet of lowly placed hopefuls, which included Francois Simon, of France, Boardman's team-mate, built a lead of almost four minutes.

With Zabel's Telekom team and Cipollini's Saeco squad picking up the pace, the quartet were always doomed and, as Plumelec loomed on the horizon, Simon, sensing that the field were close, launched his own bid for victory.

Opportunities for the sprinters to win are diminishing each day and attacks such as Simon's have little or no realistic hope of success. So it proved and it was soon after he was caught that the Tour once more ground to a standstill as bikes and bodies crashed to the road.

The assured Riis, who was trapped behind similar chaos on the first stage, had clearly this time learnt his lesson, unlike Zülle, who fell victim to his third crash in only four days, and has now probably lost all hope of making a challenge for the leadership this year.

TOUR DETAILS

THIRD STAGE (Vire to Plumelec, 224km): 1, E Zabel (Ger, Telekom) 4hr 54min 33sec; 2, F Vandenbroucke (Bel, Mapei); 3, B Riis (Den, Telekom); 4, L Jalabert (Fr, ONCE); 5, D Rebellin (It, La Française des Jeux); 6, A Olano (Sp, Banesto); 7, J-C Robin (Fr, US Postal Service); 8, J Ullrich (Ger, Telekom); 9, L Dufaux (Switz, Festina); 10, P Chanteur (Fr, Casino); 11, R Virenque (Fr, Festina); 12, B Hamburger (Den, TVM); 13, P Luttenberger (Austria, Rabobank); 14, L Brochard (Fr, Festina); 15, C Boardman (GB, GAN); 16, A Elli (It, Casino); 17, V Ekimov (Russ, US Postal Service); 18, P Lino (Fr, Big Mat Auber); 19, F Escartin (Sp, Kelme); 20, S Heulot (Fr, La Française des Jeux) all same time; 32, M Sciandri (GB, La Française des Jeux) at 16sec.

OVERALL LEADING POSITIONS: 1, M Cipollini (It, Saeco) 16hr 10min 12sec; 2, Zabel at 14sec; 3, Boardman at 27; 4, Ullrich at 29; 5, Vandenbroucke at 33; 6, Olano at 37; 7, Jalabert at 39; 8, Lino at 52; 9, F Moncassin (Fr, GAN) at 55; 10, O Camenzind (Switz, Mapei) same time; 36, Sciandri at 2min 10sec.

TODAY: Fourth stage: Plumelec to Le Puy du Fou (223km)

Holmes ready to acquire golden sheen

David Powell on a British runner who is approaching the height of her powers

It was in 1985 that Steve Cram gained the conviction that he could win races by almost any method: slow ones decided in the finishing straight, races in which the pace picked up at the bell, races run fast from the start and determined on strength. Twelve years on, Cram believes that he is witnessing the same change in Kelly Holmes.

At a time when Sally Gunnell's star is dimming, British athletics has a vacancy for a new golden girl. There are three contenders: Denise Lewis, Ashia Hansen and Holmes. Any of these could win a gold medal at the world championships in Athens next month, but a Holmes victory is the most critical.

Britain's middle distance heritage demands an end to the lean years. Welcome though a victory either by Lewis, in the heptathlon, or by Hansen, in the triple jump, would be, their events sit on the fringes of the sport's main show. Should Holmes win, Britain would have a champion visible on the main programme of the grand prix circuit, one appearing regularly on television and commanding attention.

Cram, a former world 1,500 metres champion and mile world record-holder, is now a commentator for Eurosport. He was in Stockholm on Monday when Holmes, who has set the 1,500 metres as her main target for Athens, took on the 800 metres specialists at her second event. She saw off the challenges of Ana Fidelia Quirot, the world champion, and Yelena Afanasyeva, the European Cup champion, to win by a distance.

Holmes has always been strong, but not an athlete you would back to finish the job on a tight last lap. Cram said: "The difference in Kelly now is that she has that bit of ammunition you need at the end of the race. She has added what was missing — a strong finish, which is more down to speed-endurance than out-and-out speed." Holmes herself says: "I have got my wings now."

Unbeaten all year, and top of the world rankings for the year at 800 and 1,500 metres, Holmes's prospects appear brighter in the light of the non-appearance so far this season of Svetlana Masterkova, the Olympic 800 and 1,500 metres champion. Rumours that Masterkova has put on weight and lost her edge should be answered at the Russian championships this week.

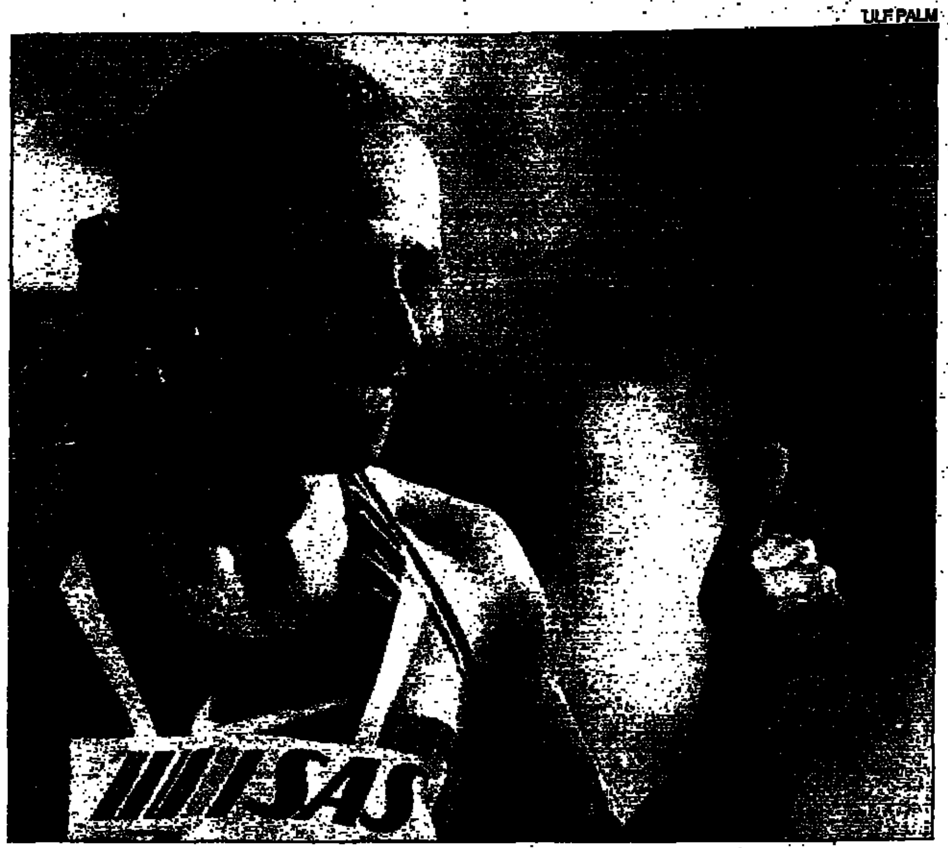
Cram said, however: "If I was Kelly, I would not be worrying about anybody else. They will be worrying about her. Obviously Masterkova has talent and, if she was at her best, she would be difficult to beat, but the evidence is that she will not be the athlete she was last year. If so, Kelly would be able to beat her."

Little wonder, with so much at stake, and bearing in mind her experiences last year, that Holmes repeats three times in a 20-minute interview: "I just want to get to Athens in one piece." After winning silver and bronze medals at the 1995 world championships, Holmes ran two Olympic finals last year on one good leg. She suffered a hairline fracture before the Games began, finishing fourth in the 800 metres and eleventh in the 1,500 metres.

Provided that she keeps clear of injury and illness for the next three weeks, Holmes will begin the world championships as confident as at any stage during her broken career. A former English schools champion, she dropped out of serious athletics for four years, returning only after gaining inspiration from watching the 1992 Olympic Games on television.

Although Holmes will be entered by Britain for the 800 and 1,500 metres in Athens, she says she will not decide whether to contest the two laps until after the 1,500 metres. "Too often in the past I have been good at both distances but not outstanding at either," Holmes, 27, said.

If her present form continues, the women's mile world record may be hers for the taking later in the season, perhaps at the grand prix final. For now, though, we must let her concentrate on the more important task: becoming Britain's new golden girl.


ULF PALM

Holmes shows her pleasure after an impressive 800 metres win in Stockholm

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

THE TIMES ITC INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET

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Pos	Team (player's name)	Pts
1	Ponus (W Clarke)	14,281
2	All Round Ability (W Burnett)	14,205
3	Fantasy Formbk E (G Crutchley)	14,123
4	14 Lobs (P Johnson)	14,097
5	Ace All Rounders (A Eade)	13,990
6	Rug Catchers (A Rees)	13,975
7	Four Ian Bothams (P Johnson)	13,972
8	Fantasy Formbk I (G Crutchley)	13,966
9	The Twins (B Collinson)	13,934
10	Fantasy Formbk D (G Crutchley)	13,918
11	Points Galore (D Fenton)	13,912
12	Fantasy Formbk H (G Crutchley)	13,908
13	Mow and Go HAP (N Johns)	13,876
14	Three Lobs (P Johnson)	13,875
15	Coleman's Balls (D Blackburn)	13,850
16	Fantasy Formbk G (G Crutchley)	13,827
17	Toblitt (A Luckhurst)	13,815
18	Kalb's Corkers 4 (N Kalb)	13,784
19	Bacardi Boys (M Woodley)	13,755
20	Caroline C (A Luckhurst)	13,739
21	Wanstord House 3 (P R O'Brien)	13,726
22	Orchid M & O (N Johns)	13,719
23	Lemar Old Boys (P Tranter)	13,707
24	Ian's Imperials (I Johnston)	13,684
25	Jones Boys One (M Jones)	13,671
26	Verity's Vintage No (no name)	13,645
27	Nine Ian Bothams (P Johnson)	13,637
28	Willow Cricketers (W J Barber)	13,632
29	Toby Ross (A Luckhurst)	13,600
30	Don't Forget To Run (P Rowans)	13,597
31=	Ailsa Angels (A Wood)	13,574
31=	The Grim Team (J Swain)	13,574
33	Injury Free XI (I J Hunt)	13,573
34	MJS 1 (M Squires)	13,560
35	Dave's Dosers (D Tattoo)	13,553
36	Doodyteds (J Royston)	13,552
37	No More Fridays Ou (I Ellis)	13,544
38	All Rounders' XI (N Pember)	13,543
39	Off To A Good Star (J Swales)	13,498
40=	Debt Release (S Lamber)	13,495
40=	Star Wars 2 (Z Ali)	13,495
42=	Pauline's Stars (P Howell)	13,494
42=	Dave's Demons (D Taggoo)	13,494
44	Pinewood 3 (D M Carter)	13,490
45	Webbers Post (E G Evans)	13,474
46	Jimmyshire CC (J A D Curthoys)	13,473
47	Friday Night XI (B McFerran)	13,466
48	Gazza's Guys (C Hawkins)	13,457
49	SRS In The Press (S P Vann)	13,456
50	Fantastic (P Sainsbury)	13,438
51	Dawn's Dynamos (D Shepherd)	13,410
52	Roe Roe Roe Your B (R Roe)	13,405
53	Ward's Wickstaker' (A B Ward)	13,404
54	Three Gee's Team (R Ariyaratnam)	13,386
55	Ken's First XI (K Hannah)	13,385
56	The Braughing Duck (P Moore)	13,375
57	Cats' Eyes (N Marchant)	13,374
58	Class Warriors 2 (S King)	13,372
59	Wells Fargo (B E Howes)	13,369
60	Cod And Chips Part (P Stebbings)	13,367
61=	Caspian 1st XI (D Chandler)	13,333
61=	The Band Played On (M Reed)	13,333
63	Bearded Blunders (J M Brown)	13,330
64	Diamond White (R White)	13,316
65	Spike Thomas Eleven (T E Webb)	13,315
66	Ducks CC (P Davis)	13,307
67	Shadow Leader 1 (D Findlay)	13,301
68	Sam's The Man 3 (G Sampson)	13,294
69	The 1997 XI (J M Hutchin)	13,292
70	Hurst's Cack Hander (R Jackson)	13,278
71	Cowshot Corner (O Mitchell)	13,276
72=	Kamikaze Bowler (D Finlay)	13,274
72=	Thunder Bunnies (D C Bates)	13,274
74	Carey Selected (C Carey)	13,268
75	Dopey 11 (B Robinson)	13,263
76	Slightly Byased (M Trowell)	13,259
77	Dave's Dependables (D Tattoo)	13,256
78	The Funky Monkeys (A Moss)	13,247
79	Caroline A (A Luckhurst)	13,230
80	Wibbly Wobbly's XI (J D Wibberley)	13,228
81=	Melvyn Maldini XI (I D Wray)	13,220
81=	Meg's Eleven (S Simmons)	13,220
83	The Sunshine Brand (J Shepherd)	13,210
84	Soul Town (M Ashton)	13,201
85	—— (no name)	13,199
86	Kim's Best (D Geraghty)	13,196
87	All Out (A Charlton)	13,194
88	We Dont Mean This (J Moss)	13,190
89	Fantasy Formbk B (G Crutchley)	13,185
90	Stewart's Stars (S Farrar)	13,180
91	Letting Rip (D Finlay)	13,170
92	AJ County XI (A Taylor)	13,168
93=	Sharp's Eleven (M Sharp)	13,162
93=	Toon Army (E Hudspith)	13,162
95	Windy's Warriors (G Miller)	13,161
96=	Tory Boys (G Jackson)	13,153
96=	Bilded's Shoes (T Sherlock)	13,153
98=	Barney Boys (B E Howes)	13,146
98=	R Spoy's XI (W Webb)	13,146
98=	Off Spinners In A (A Milroy)	13,146

INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in the first four columns cover the past week: the final column is the player's overall points total. The figures include all matches completed by July 7. Overseas players are shown in **bold type**. Rising Stars in *italic*.

Batsmen (001-146)

Category A

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Weekly total	Overall total
C J Adams (001)	0	0	0	0	1110
G F Archer (002)	82	0	0	87	792
M A Atherton (003)	52	0	2	92	1033
C W J Athey (004)	68	0	0	68	936
R J Bailey (005)	137	2	1	207	1354
K J Barnett (006)	0	0	0	0	393
D J Bicknell (007)	2	0	2	42	179
G S Blewett (008)	54	0	0	54	729
D C Boon (009)	3	0	0	3	896
P D Bowler (010)	4	0	3	44	1196
A D Brown (011)	59	0	1	79	831
M A Butcher (012)	158	0	6	288	1132
P A Cottey (013)	82	0	3	147	696
J P Crawley (014)	174	0	0	184	911
[illegible] M Curran (015)	33	1	0	53	1180
M T G Elliott (016)	102	0	0	102	1040
N H Fairbrother (017)	167	0	3	237	826
J E R Gallian (018)	5	1	1	45	205
M W Gatting (019)	7	0	3	47	851
G A Gooch (020)	27	0	2	67	491
M L Hayden (021)	25	0	0	25	1649
D L Hemp (022)	68	0	3	123	907
G A Hick (023)	29	1	1	69	1268
A J Hollioake (024)	66	1	2	151	1076
N Hussain (025)	28	0	2	68	1184
S P James (026)	109	0	2	154	1215
D M Jones (027)	0	0	0	0	554
J H Kallis (028)	95	2	2	180	1027
N V Knight (029)	2	0	1	22	634
J S Laney (030)	*15*	*0*	*0*	*15*	543
M N Lathwell (031)	121	0	0	126	562
G D Lloyd (032)	16	0	2	56	364
M B Loye (033)	83	0	1	103	491
M P Maynard (034)	118	0	3	183	980
A McGrath (035)	86	0	1	106	231
R R Montgomerie (036)	0	0	0	0	230
T M Moody (037)	74	0	4	154	668
H Morris (038)	206	0	2	256	936
M D Moxon (039)	84	0	0	93	353
T L Penney (040)	119	0	1	144	848
M R Ramprakash (041)	14	0	1	14	1186
R T Robinson (042)	22	0	1	42	408
P V Simmons (043)	0	0	0	0	0
M J Slater (044)	0	0	0	0	85
B F Smith (045)	44	0	1	64	366
R A Smith (046)	11	0	0	11	948
A J Stewart (047)	62	0	16	382	1729
M A Taylor (048)	6	0	4	86	723
G P Thorpe (049)	25	0	2	65	1449
M P Vaughan (050)	0	0	0	0	692
T R Ward (051)	80	0	1	100	846
M E Waugh (052)	134	0	2	184	795
S R Waugh (053)	448	0	2	528	994
A P Wells (054)	65	0	1	85	819
V J Wells (055)	56	5	0	160	1361
W P C Weston (056)	8	0	0	8	619
J J Whitaker (057)	153	0	0	163	896

Category B

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Weekly total	Overall total
[illegible] (058)	0	0	0	0	0
D Byas (059)	105	0	1	130	1294
M E Cassar (060)	0	0	0	0	117
G R Cowdrey (061)	0	0	0	0	515
R J Cunliffe (062)	0	0	0	0	478
T S Curtis (063)	3	0	1	23	472
A Dale (064)	8	2	0	28	553
J A Daley (065)	0	0	0	0	20
R I Dawson (066)	1	0	0	1	[illegible]
M P Dowman (067)	6	3	0	66	639
A W Evans (068)	0	0	0	0	33
A Flintoff (069)	41	0	4	121	216
A Fordham (070)	0	0	0	0	84
D P Fulton (071)	49	0	2	89	924
A P Grayson (072)	17	4	3	157	1475
K Greenfield (073)	8	0	0	9	521
A Habib (074)	0	0	0	0	510
T H C Hancock (075)	79	0	0	84	644
R J Harden (076)	0	0	0	0	555
J C Harrison (077)	0	0	0	0	0
A N Hayhurst (078)	0	0	0	0	60
G R Haynes (079)	2	0	0	2	1113
D P Hewson (080)	0	0	0	0	0
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S Hutton (085)	0	0	0	0	0
P Johnson (086)	0	0	0	0	806
M Keech (087)	33	0	0	33	308
W S Kendall (088)	0	0	1	0	547
G J Kennis (089)	25	0	1	45	69
R A Kettleborough (090)	0	0	0	0	50
G A Khan (091)	18	0	0	18	131
W G Khan (092)	27	0	0	27	169
D A Leatherdale (093)	92	7	1	257	1187
N J Lenham (094)	21	0	0	21	342
J J B Lewis (095)	51	0	0	56	752
N J Llong (096)	69	1	0	94	739
M A Lynch (097)	85	0	1	105	830
G I Macmillan (098)	0	0	0	0	152
D L Maddy (099)	*164*	*0*	*2*	*214*	*1131*
M R May (100)	111	0	0	121	220
P C McKeown (101)	0	0	0	0	209
A A Metcalfe (102)	39	0	0	39	322
S P Moffat (103)	10	0	0	10	295
A J Moles (104)	9	0	1	9	658
J E Morris (105)	33	0	0	33	984
K Newell (106)	29	2	0	69	623
D P Ostler (107)	77	0	4	162	767
J E Owen (108)	0	0	0	0	136
K A Parsons (109)	52	0	5	152	902
S D Peters (110)	2	0	0	2	202
P R Pollard (111)	25	0	0	25	529
J C Pooley (112)	98	0	1	123	716
M J Powell (113)	0	0	0	0	60
P J Prichard (114)	59	0	0	44	734
T A Radford (115)	0	0	0	0	181
R K Rao (116)	4	0	0	4	478
J D Ratcliffe (117)	84	0	0	89	711
D J Roberts (118)	0	0	0	0	101
D D J Robinson (119)	115	0	0	120	520
A S Rollins (120)	128	0	0	138	736
M A Roseberry (121)	1	0	0	1	50
D J G Sales (122)	98	0	0	103	265
O A Shah (123)	*39*	*0*	*0*	*39*	142
N Shahid (124)	0	0	0	0	304
A Singh (125)	134	0	0	139	345
E T Smith (126)	15	0	0	15	380
N J Speak (127)	0	0	0	0	471
K R Spiring (128)	94	0	0	99	640
J P Stephenson (129)	38	4	0	112	1110
I J Sutcliffe (130)	51	0	1	71	430
A J Swann (131)	0	0	0	0	0
N R Taylor (132)	11	0	0	11	445
S P Titchard (133)	79	0	1	104	260
N J Trainor (134)	43	0	0	43	536
M E Trescothick (135)	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*47*
T A Tweats (136)	0	0	0	0	159
M J Walker (137)	*63*	*0*	*1*	*89*	816
M A Wagh (138)	129	0	0	134	254
C D Walsh (139)	0	0	0	0	0
T C Walton (140)	17	0	0	17	433
P E Wellings (141)	0	0	0	0	33
R M S Weston (142)	0	0	0	0	0
P R Whitaker (143)	0	0	0	0	5
G W White (144)	0	0	0	0	357
M G N Windows (145)	0	0	0	0	0
A J Wright (146)	129	0	1	154	800

All-rounders (147-185)

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Weekly total	Overall total
M W Alleyne (147)	48	1	1	68	1295
I D Austin (148)	78	3	0	143	907
M G Bevan (149)	14	2	0	14	803
D R Brown (150)	81	5	0	186	1350
G P Butcher (151)	19	0	1	19	424
D J Capel (152)	0	0	0	0	259
P D Collingwood (153)	3	0	0	3	539
D G Cork (154)	0	0	0	0	0
R D B Croft (155)	28	4	0	108	1596
P A J DeFreitas (156)	13	5	0	113	810
V C Drakes (157)	0	3	1	40	719
K P Dutch (158)	1	2	0	41	375
M A Ealham (159)	66	6	0	186	1431
S C Ecclestone (160)	15	0	1	15	461
K P Evans (161)	0	0	0	0	917
M V Fleming (162)	21	2	0	61	1267
J P Hewitt (163)	35	2	1	95	1175
K J Innes (164)	0	0	0	0	53
R C Irani (165)	41	0	0	41	1032
K D James (166)	0	3	0	60	346
B P Julian (167)	0	0	0	0	304
S R Lampitt (168)	5	6	1	155	1009
D R Law (169)	30	3	1	100	1045
S G Law (170)	103	1	1	148	1417
C C Lewis (171)	10	7	1	150	896
A C Morris (172)	8	4	2	128	278
A L Penberthy (173)	17	3	1	97	837
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P A Strang (178)	67	3	1	152	1579
C M Tolley (179)	21	3	0	81	505
Wasim Akram (180)	0	0	0	0	268
M Watkinson (181)	8	3	0	68	311
P N Weekes (182)	46	1	1	86	1081
C M Wells (183)	0	0	0	0	0
C White (184)	165	3	1	255	1358
S Young (185)	71	3	2	171	1178

Wicketkeepers (186-216)

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Weekly total	Overall total
A N Aymes (186)	0	0	3/1	100	964
J N Batty (187)	8	0	0	8	8
R J Blakey (188)	45	0	3	105	1346
K R Brown (189)	52	0	2	72	1402
M Burns (190)	102	2	0	147	774
C A Chapman (191)	0	0	0	0	0
I Dawood (192)	0	0	0	0	0
T Frost (193)	0	0	3	40	470
S P Griffiths (194)	1	0	3	61	61
I A Healy (195)	112	0	10/2	392	1202
W K Hegg (196)	30	0	4/2	190	1026
B J Hyam (197)	0	0	0	0	183
D A Kenway (198)	0	0	0	0	82
K M Krikken (199)	0	0	0	0	817
D G C Ligertwood (200)	0	0	0	0	0
S A Marsh (201)	71	0	1/1	131	1039
C P Metson (202)	0	0	0	0	0
P Moores (203)	26	0	4	106	859
P A Nixon (204)	79	0	2	124	1177
W M Noon (205)	0	0	0	0	836
K J Piper (206)	0	0	0	0	113
S J Rhodes (207)	55	0	4	143	1021
D Ripley (208)	9	0	1	29	679
R J Rollins (209)	65	0	3	105	970
R C Russell (210)	65	0	1	85	1465
A D Shaw (211)	64	0	3	124	722
M P Speight (212)	13	0	1	33	1223
R J Turner (213)	83	0	4	168	1147
R J Warren (214)	110	0	2/1	195	412
P Whitticase (215)	0	0	0	0	0
R C J Williams (216)	0	0	0	0	0

Bowlers (217-347)

Category A

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Weekly total	Overall total
J A Afford (217)	0	0	0	0	0
S J W Andrew (218)	0	0	0	0	20
M C J Ball (219)	53	4	1	163	755
R T Bates (220)	14	1	0	34	430
J E Benjamin (221)	13	0	0	13	330
M M Betts (222)	*21*	*0*	*0*	*21*	276
M P Bicknell (223)	46	7	0	186	1100
J N B Bovill (224)	0	0	0	0	538
M T Brimson (225)	0	0	0	0	266
S J E Brown (226)	1	1	0	21	612
A R Caddick (227)	54	4	0	144	1417
G Chapple (228)	0	0	0	0	678
C A Connor (229)	0	1	0	20	184
A P Cowan (230)	61	2	1	121	1278
D M Cox (231)	0	0	0	0	84
R P Davis (232)	17	0	0	17	231
A A Donald (233)	2	12	0	272	789
A R C Fraser (234)	47	3	0	107	958
A F Giles (235)	0	0	0	20	896
J N Gillespie (236)	56	6	2	176	483
D Gough (237)	14	6	0	134	1459
A J Harris (238)	0	0	0	0	666
P J Hartley (239)	29	4	1	139	1104
D W Headley (240)	0	16	0	290	574
R K Illingworth (241)	0	0	0	0	0
M C Ilott (242)	14	4	0	74	799
P W Jarvis (243)	0	0	0	0	646
R L Johnson (244)	17	0	1	17	1033
G Keedy (245)	6	1	0	26	151
R J Kirtley (246)	7	3	0	47	513
J D Lewry (247)	0	0	0	0	0
M J McCague (248)	5	3	0	65	949
G D McGrath (249)	0	14	2	320	843
D E Malcolm (250)	19	5	0	119	911
P J Martin (251)	3	14	0	323	1115
R J Maru (252)	0	0	0	0	195
D J Millns (253)	43	1	0	63	902
Mohammad Akram (254)	0	4	0	80	277
A D Mullally (255)	0	5	0	110	768
T A Munton (256)	0	0	0	0	0
Mushtaq Ahmed (257)	0	3	0	60	756
P J Newport (258)	45	4	0	125	658
G J Parsons (259)	2	1	1	42	475
M M Patel (260)	0	0	0	0	0
R M Pearson (261)	0	0	0	0	61
A R K Pierson (262)	0	2	0	40	505
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K J Shine (267)	12	9	2	242	930
C E W Silverwood (268)	1	1	0	1	715
A M Smith (269)	0	1	0	20	1213
R D Stemp (270)	1	2	0	21	922
P M Such (271)	30	2	0	70	1020
J P Taylor (272)	8	3	2	108	935
P C R Tufnell (273)	14	5	0	124	490
S D Udal (274)	0	0	0	0	1029
S K Warne (275)	112	18	0	502	1405
Waqar Younis (276)	1	8	0	161	1159
S L Watkin (277)	0	5	0	100	766
N F Williams (278)	0	0	0	0	247
J Wood (279)	0	0	0	0	104

Category B

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Weekly total	Overall total
U Afzaal (280)	48	0	1	68	649
P Aldred (281)	0	1	2	40	608
D A Altree (282)	0	0	0	0	40
G J Batty (283)	0	0	0	0	0
M A V Bell (284)	0	0	0	0	0
J Boiling (285)	6	0	0	6	463
M N Bowen (286)	0	0	0	0	999
J E Brinkley (287)	0	0	0	0	7
J F Brown (288)	0	0	0	0	80
R J Chapman (289)	0	0	0	0	263
V P Clarke (290)	14	2	1	74	1006
D A Cosker (291)	*0*	*7*	*0*	*140*	*486*
D M Cousins (292)	0	0	0	0	0
A P Davies (293)	0	0	0	0	0
K J Dean (294)	8	6	1	148	540
R R Dibden (295)	0	0	0	0	0
M Dimond (296)	0	0	0	0	4
S W K Ellis (297)	0	0	0	0	0
J E Emburey (298)	3	1	0	23	407
R A Fay (299)	0	0	0	0	63
D Follett (300)	0	0	0	0	188
M J Foster (301)	5	1	0	25	863
P J Franks (302)	34	1	0	54	641
R J Green (303)	0	0	0	0	20
G M Hamilton (304)	0	0	0	0	250
S Herzberg (305)	4	0	1	24	125
J E Hindson (306)	0	0	0	0	232
B C Hollioake (307)	0	0	0	0	645
J G Hughes (308)	0	0	0	0	85
P M Hutchison (309)	0	0	0	0	0
A P Igglesden (310)	0	1	0	20	20
J I D Kerr (311)	26	8	1	206	621
N Killeen (312)	0	0	0	0	225
J Lewis (313)	30	3	0	90	780
S Lugsden (314)	0	0	0	0	34
R S C Martin-Jenkins (315)	28	2	1	68	68
A D Mascarenhas (316)	0	0	0	0	84
T J Mason (317)	7	1	1	47	278
S M Milburn (318)	0	0	0	0	26
R W Nowell (319)	0	0	0	0	0
J Ormond (320)	0	3	0	40	277
O T Parkin (321)	0	0	0	0	0
M W Patterson (322)	0	0	0	0	0
B J Phillips (323)	47	1	0	67	792
N C Phillips (324)	0	0	0	0	56
R A Pick (325)	0	0	0	0	223
N W Preston (326)	0	0	0	0	28
M Rawnsley (327)	0	0	0	0	47
S J Renshaw (328)	0	1	0	20	858
M A Robinson (329)	11	2	0	31	618
M J Saggers (330)	0	0	0	0	329
J P Searle (331)	0	0	0	0	0
D J Shadford (332)	10	3	1	80	455
K P Sheeraz (333)	15	0	0	15	84
G C Small (334)	0	0	1	20	451
E J Stanford (335)	0	0	0	0	52
S D Thomas (336)	15	4	2	135	828
J B Thompson (337)	13	3	0	73	460
M J Thursfield (338)	0	0	0	0	154
H R J Trump (339)	0	0	0	0	101
A J Tudor (340)	4	2	0	44	341
M J Vandrau (341)	0	0	0	0	82
A P van Troost (342)	0	0	0	0	105
A Walker (343)	3	1	0	23	635
G Welch (344)	38	6	0	158	1194
A G Wharf (345)	0	0	0	0	0
T N Wren (346)	0	0	0	0	51
G Yates (347)	31	4	0	111	605

☐ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket and catch and 40 points for each stumping.

Five bonus points are awarded for a half-century, ten bonus points are awarded for a century and for five wickets in an innings, and 20 bonus points are awarded for ten wickets in a match.

Twenty points are deducted for a duck.

All points scored in Test matches are doubled.

☐ Source ECB/PCA Cricket Record

A welcome for Warne in Devon

SHANE WARNE returned to torment the England batsmen at Old Trafford, but for a resident of Tiverton, Devon, he has provided nothing but joy. Mr Nick Frost has won the weekly prize in *The Times's* Interactive Team Cricket competition, largely through the efforts of the Australia leg spinner. Warne scored 502 points during the week, contributing mightily to Mr Frost's overall total of 2,400.

Mr Frost wins a signed and framed print of David Gower, a first edition of the *PCA Yearbook '97*, signed by members of the Professional Cricketers' Association, and two tickets to a day at an Ashes Test match.

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GOLF

Grady gives up chance to qualify

WAYNE GRADY has withdrawn from the Open Championship at Royal Troon next week, the course where he was involved in a play-off in 1989 with his fellow Australian, Greg Norman, and the eventual winner, Mark Calcavecchia, of the United States.

The 1990 US PGA champion, 40 in two weeks' time, has scratched from the final qualifying event on Sunday and Monday, when he was due to play at Glasgow Gailes with Ronan Rafferty and Robert Gamez.

RESULTS: Open Championship: Qualifiers for final qualifying tournament (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): Moortown: 70: G Harland (Leeds GC), P Stoller (Moor Allerton). 71: M Bradley (Keighley), S Drummond (Arcott), N Ludwell (Selby), * P Nelson (Renishaw Park). 72: D Fletcher (Chester-le-Street), D Mansell (Silkstone), G Day (Leeds GC). 73: S Bennett (Swingtime, Grimsby), * J Hepworth (Ilkley). Hankley Common: 68: C Giddins (Hastings). 69: * R Fenwick (Bognor Regis). 70: R Arnold (Filton), A Lovelace (Hoebridge), J O'Malley (Tournerbury). 71: M Roberts (Sunningdale), K Waters (unatt), M Peel (Pyle and Kenfig), D Allen (Moor Place). 72: N Mitchell (Donnington Valley), * M James (Banstead Downs), M Wootton (Lakeside), * L Booth (Brockenhurst Manor), M Hilton (East Sussex). Coxmoor: 66: * P Fenton (Huddersfield). 67: P Carman (Huddersfield). 68: A Marshall (Alma), P Dimmock (Lakeside Lodge), * G Davies (Abbeydale), R Wragg (College Pines), A Hare (Cold Ashby). 70: P Edwards (Springwater), S Townend (unatt), N Walton (Romanby), P Hinton (Chesterton Valley), P Kent (Horsley Lodge). 71: M Higginbottom (Woodsome Hall), I Bailey (Longcliffe), D Brunton (Ringway). Romford: 68: M Squire (Ellesborough). 69: S Wood (Mostlands), S Dawnton (Orsett), J Bevan (The Suffolk), S Margetts (Abridge), M Oliver (Basildon), P Simpson (Harpenden Common), * B Taylor (Thorpe Hall). 70: K Earp (Bury St Edmunds), T Wheals (Maylands), P Farmer (Wanstead), D Quinney (Haverhill). 71: P Barham (Weald Park), P Winston (Aldenham), L Lockwood (Benton Hall), D Jones (Dickson). Sundridge Park: 68: E Korblah (Ghana), R Tinworth (Hever). 70: M Bryant (Hever), P Clarke (Cuddington), * J Carter (West Kent), R Lewis (Royal St George's). 71: J Marshall (Westerham), G Chasten (US), L Ferns (Lamberhurst), T Spence (East Sussex), A Urquhart (Chart Hills), * P Stuart (London Club), A Butterfield (Chislehurst), S Green (Lydd). 72: D Wyborn (Betchworth Park). Beau Desert: 66: * S Wakefield (Trentham Park); M Hollingworth (Denton); W Alcock (Tamworth). 70: A Baguley (Leigh), M Jones (Bolton), I Taylor (Stoneyhurst Park), C Clark (Hagley). 71: A Rowland (Bidston), R Peters (Beacon Park), P Dwyer (Clitheroe), J O'Brien (Widnes), G Houston (Carden Park), F Clark (Hagley). 72: D Probert (Hill Valley). Carlisle: 68: J Graham (Silloth), R Aitken (Largs). 69: * W Rennick (Hawick), J Metcalfe (Boldon), D Pearce (Barnard Castle); 70 D Summers (unatt). 71: V Guest (Teesside), J Price (Aus), D Downie (Burnston Castle), C Weatherhead (Silloth), J Chaffee (US), * R Wiggans (Ponteland), J Wither (Paisley), * S Dyson (Sand Moor), P Harrison (Mellen Hall). Wilmslow: 68: J Dove (Fairhaven). 69: * B Barker (Reddish Vale), N Pugh (Heswall), B Toone (Ellesmere). 70: S Astin (Royal Lytham), T Maxwell (Mottram Hall), S Andrew (Clitheroe), C Corrigan (Haigh Hall), A Barnett (Royal St David's), I Keenan (Royal Liverpool), J Hodgson (Tytherington), L Spencer (Ger). 71: D Durnian (School of Golf), N Dunroe (Eaton), * J Donaldson (Macclesfield), A Pickering (Kirkby Lonsdale). Burnham and Berrow: 68: * M Pilkington (Pethell), * S McCarthy (Royal North Devon). 69: * S Martin (Burnham and Berrow), R Winchester (unatt). 70: T Nash (Lostwithiel), M Nicholls (Bletchingley). 71: R Watts (Lambourne), D Bradley (unatt), B Dredge (Bryn Meadows). 72: D Haines (Isle of Wedmore), * M Hamilton (Royal Troon), * R Price (Monmouthshire). 73: G Davies (Pontypool), G Richards (Manor House), M Bessell (Knowle). Copt Heath: 67: * G Storm (Wynyard Pk). 68: D Clee (Wharton Pk). 69: T Henson (Cardiff), D Clark (Whitchurch). 70: J Robinson (The Vale), M Macara (North Wales). 71: A Crompton (Haigh Hall), * S Braithwaite (Droitwich), D Philp (Den), D Shacklady (Leisure Lakes), F Valera (Drivetime), * S Walker (Maxstoke Pk). 72: N Tudey (Kidderminster), C Phillips (Ingon Manor), * C Williams ([illegible]).

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CRICKET

Surrey prepare for days of destiny

By Simon Wilde

THE next four days will tell if this is indeed to be Surrey's great year, the great year that everybody predicted for them when they won what is now the Axa Life League last September. The burden of going 14 years without a trophy lifted, it seemed inevitable that the "team of all the talents" would go on to fulfil their enormous potential.

Frustratingly for those at the Oval, it has not been quite like that, especially in the Britannic Assurance county championship, the prize that Surrey, who were last champions in 1971, covet above all others. Their four-day form has bewildered onlookers and the expected surge towards the top of the table has not materialised.

With their defence of the Sunday league also faltering, everything appears to depend on their progress in the NatWest Trophy, in which they meet Nottinghamshire at the Oval in the second round today, and the Benson and Hedges Cup final against Kent at Lord's on Saturday. Defeat in both might leave the club close to disarray.

"Recent history shows that the teams who win the county championship are those with stable sides and we suffer more than most from international calls," David Gilbert, the Surrey coach, said yesterday. "I always felt that our best chances this season were in the Benson and Hedges Cup and NatWest Trophy, in which we can call on our all players. So far, we are in the final of one and, if we beat Nottinghamshire, the quarter-final of the other."

Gilbert, though, is keen to improve his team's showing in the championship and he has made it one of his priorities to see that Surrey finish in the top four. In a competition in which two successive victories can catapult a side several places upwards, this is by no means impossible, but would require a concerted all-round improvement. Surrey's next championship opponents are Hampshire and Northamptonshire, teams that they would expect to beat — if they play to their ability.

"I am very unhappy at our position in the championship and we deserve much of the negative press we have received," Gilbert said. "We have not played well enough, but we have sometimes played well and got nothing for it. Against Warwickshire last week we were without our Test players and yet, had we held our catches, I think we would have beaten a side containing Allan Donald."

And, when they have needed experienced players to fill the breach, they have not always been there to do so; runs from the likes of Darren Bicknell and Nadeem Shahid have been dearly missed.

Surrey ought to beat a Nottinghamshire side that cannot match them for all-round firepower, but who have surprised one or two opponents of late with spirited performances. Surrey hope to take advantage of their superior strength in spin bowling in the shape of Ian Salisbury and Saqlain Mushtaq.

Lancashire, the holders, are so hampered by injuries that they have taken a party of 14 players to Hove, but it would be a huge surprise if they did not have the measure of poor, benighted Sussex.

Dermot Reeve, who led Warwickshire to the trophy in 1993 and 1995, returns to Egbaston as coach of Somerset in a fixture that has produced some epic contests in this competition down the years. Two years ago Warwickshire began their successful progress by narrowly beating Somerset in a high-scoring contest, their 357 for three meeting with a reply of 339 for nine. Today Somerset will be bolstered by the return of Mushtaq Ahmed, who has been passed fit after a scan on his troublesome knee.

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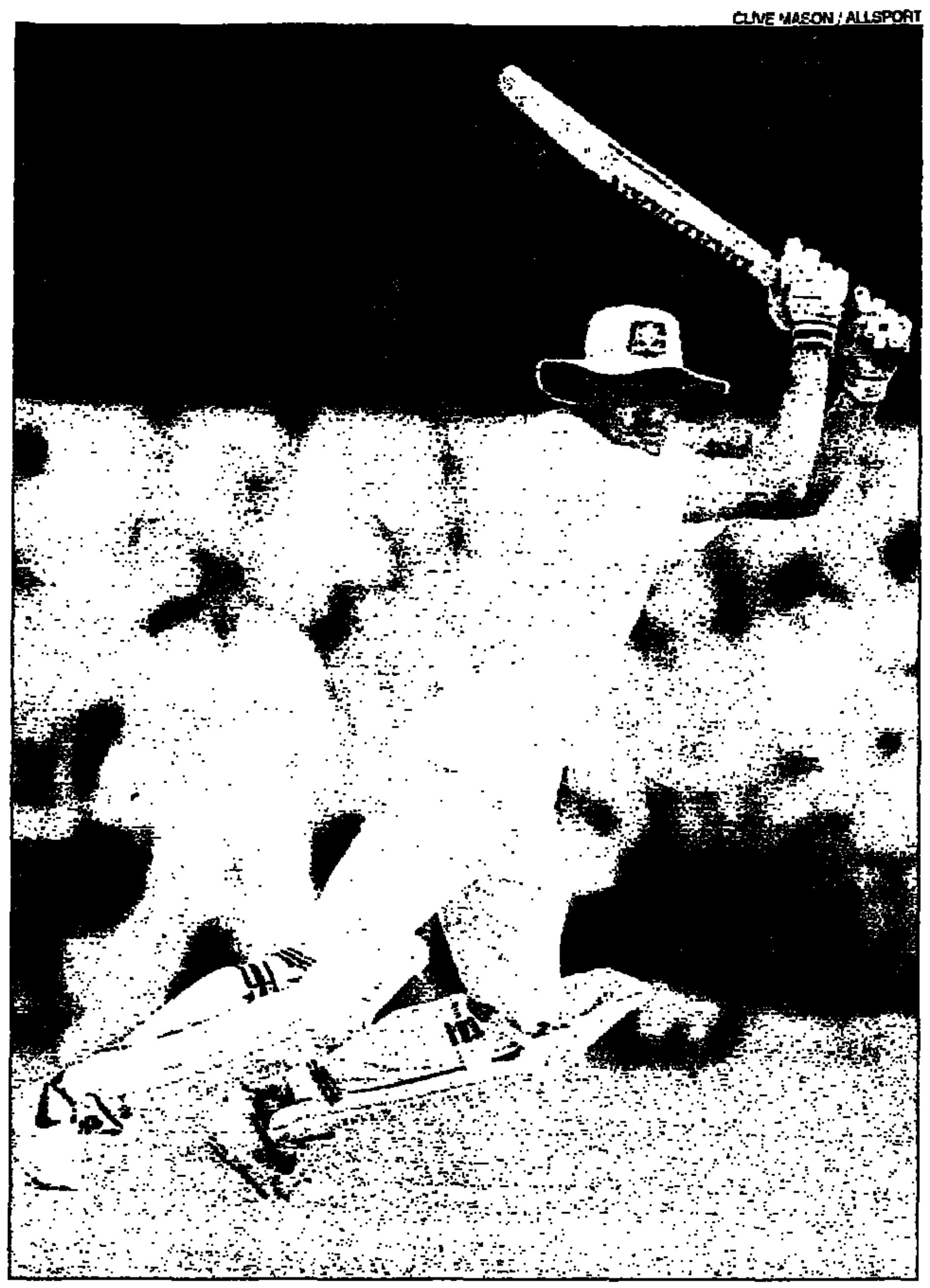

Julian gets into the festive mood by driving through the covers yesterday

Big-hitter Julian joins in the fun

By Michael Austin

JESMOND (the Australians won toss): The Australians beat Minor Counties by nine runs

FESTIVE fun featured on the Australian schedule after the triumphant rigours of Old Trafford. Brendon Julian feasted on the bowling with 106, with eight sixes and nine fours from 86 balls, and the crowd trundled home happily, especially after Ian Cockbain, the Minor Counties captain, made a half-century from 67 balls.

This compact ground has fostered big-hitting feats, with the adjacent rooftops and cemetery being bombarded, but Julian's innings was historically among the best.

He bats at No 9 for Western Australia, was at No 8 for Surrey last summer when scoring two first-class hundreds and has Test ambitions. If Michael Bevan loses his place, Julian, with left-arm swing bowling alongside his batting, will be in the contenders' queue, but still behind Justin Langer, Michael Slater and Ricky Ponting, ironically all of whom failed here.

Julian's first 50 runs occupied 64 balls, his next, just 15, with his final ten-ball advance producing 43 runs along the way to a century reading: 6,6,0,1,6,6,2,4,6,6.

This rich entertainment inevitably foreshadowed anticlimax, though the part-timers bowled, batted and especially, fielded worthily during a gruelling uninterrupted innings. Mark Fell, at wide mid-on, held a stunning, two-handed catch to his right from a full toss ferociously struck by Slater.

The touring team were then 53 for three, having earlier lost Langer and Ponting in four balls. Simon Oakes, the Lincolnshire fast-medium bowler, took two wickets and Marcus Sharp, from Cumberland, also prospered. For the Australians, Darren Berry marked his debut with a one-handed catch at the wicket to dismiss Fell.

AUSTRALIANS

M J Slater c Fell b Sharp	27
J L Langer c Humphries b Richardson	13
R T Ponting lbw b Sharp	1
B P Julian b Oakes	106
M G Bevan st Humphries b Dalton	32
G S Blewett c Cockbain b Oakes	2
†D S Berry b Richardson	34
M T G Elliott not out	35
M S Kasprowicz not out	7
Extras (b 4, lb 15, w 14)	33
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	290

*S R Waugh and P R Reiffel did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-36, 3-53, 4-146, 5-202, 6-205, 7-256

BOWLING: Oakes 10-0-43-2; Sharp 10-2-29-2; Richardson 10-0-51-2; Dalton 9-0-63-1; Fielding 4-0-45-0; Myles 7-0-45-0

MINOR COUNTIES

S J Dean c and b Julian	38
G W Ecclestone b Reiffel	21
M A Fell c Berry b Reiffel	20
S D Myles c Julian b Bevan	27
*I Cockbain c Bevan b Langer	52
R N Dalton b Kasprowicz	33
†M I Humphries c and b Ponting	5
J M Fielding c Reiffel b Slater	4
M A Sharp c Slater b Ponting	5
S Oakes not out	15
A Richardson not out	9
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 10, nb 16)	36
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	281

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-90, 3-104, 4-150, 5-218, 6-241, 7-249, 8-254, 9-267

BOWLING: Kasprowicz 10-0-53-1; Julian 7-1-34-1; Blewett 2-0-7-0; Reiffel 6-0-16-2; Bevan 10-0-39-1; Elliott 6-0-49-0; Ponting 7-0-42-2; Slater 1-0-7-1; Langer 1-0-19-1

Umpires: D L Burden and J M Tymen

Whitehorn starts second innings

By Sarah Potter

SWEET old dears can be loved or loathed but every amateur sport needs them. Women's cricket has Norma Whitehorn. She became treasurer of the Women's Cricket Association (WCA) in 1952 and her unbroken tenure lasted 30 years, making her the longest-serving officer in the history of the association. Now, 15 years later, the 66-year-old is back in control of the purse-strings.

Had Whitehorn's principles not been as straight as her bat, she might have continued without a break. However, in 1982, she felt compelled to offer her resignation when money "raised in the association's name was not going through the books", she explained. Proceeds from fundraising games were being used to reimburse the costs of international players against her wishes.

"To my mind, it was in breach of the WCA's constitution," Whitehorn said. "I accept it was a fine line, but I was not happy with it."

Last year the WCA faced the embarrassing prospect of not having a treasurer. Nobody seemed willing to take on the task and so Whitehorn was persuaded to begin her second term. Having recently retired, she is happy to divide her time between balancing the books and indulging her latest sporting passion, playing bowls whenever possible for her local club.

Whitehorn's interest in cricket was encouraged by her father and visits to the Oval to watch Surrey were a regular treat. She joined Wallington Hockey Club in 1948 and found that most of the women took to cricket during the summer months. Whitehorn's love of sums soon guided her into an administrative role. "In those days, when people took office, it was generally the custom that you stayed," she said.

Despite a long playing career for Wallington and Surrey, Whitehorn never represented England. She was on the shortlist to tour South Africa in 1960, but suffered a scooter accident a fortnight before the final trial. She did travel to Durban, as secretary of the International Women's Cricket Council, watched some of the cricket and came home with the team. Any suggestion of regret, though, is quickly swotted away.

"It's not really a source of regret because I have an England blazer," Whitehorn said. "I was part of the management team that took the England Under-25 squad to India in 1981. To me, that is as much an honour as having physically played."

Whitehorn struggles to balance the need to move with the times against the coloured clothing being mooted for players, but traditional dress only will be worn at Singleton Cricket Club, in Sussex, this Sunday, to mark the 250th anniversary of what the organisers say was the first recorded women's match.

The Maids of Singleton and Charlton played the Maids of Chilgrove and West Dean on July 13, 1747, in front of a crowd of more than 3,000, who paid £80 in gate-money. Local women villagers will re-enact the event, wearing period costume and using equipment from the 18th century.

Once this celebration of the past is complete, Somerset Wanderers and Shepperton will contest a quarter-final tie of the women's Tilney knockout cup. Sponsorship, you see, is one of the ways forward for women's cricket. It also keeps the treasurer happy.

ASHES TEST AVERAGES

England

Batting

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
G P Thorpe	3	5	1	199	138	49.75	1	—	1/0
N Hussain	3	5	0	240	207	48.00	1	—	5/0
M A Ealham	3	4	2	93	53*	46.50	—	1	2/0
M A Atherton	3	6	1	163	77	32.60	—	2	2/0
M A Butcher	3	6	0	193	87	32.16	—	2	7/0
J P Crawley	3	5	1	118	83	29.50	—	1	1/0
A J Stewart	3	6	1	103	40*	20.60	—	—	12/0
R D B Croft	3	4	0	40	24	10.00	—	—	1/0
A R Caddick	3	4	0	33	17	8.25	—	—	0/0
D Gough	3	4	0	17	10	4.25	—	—	0/0
D W Headley	1	2	1	0	0*	0.00	—	—	0/0
D E Malcolm	2	1	1	0	0*	—	—	—	2/0

* denotes not out

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	Best	5w	10w.
D W Headley	56.3	8	178	8	22.00	4-72	—	—
M A Ealham	39.4	8	135	6	22.50	3-60	—	—
A R Caddick	98.5	15	329	11	29.90	5-50	1	—
D Gough	108	22	362	11	32.90	3-43	—	—
R D B Croft	98	27	273	6	45.50	3-12	—	—
D E Malcolm	38	9	103	2	51.50	2-25	—	—

Australia

Batting

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
P R Reiffel	2	3	2	77	45*	77.00	—	—	1/0
S R Waugh	3	5	0	269	116	53.80	2	—	1/0
M T G Elliott	3	5	0	235	112	47.00	1	1	2/0
G S Blewett	3	5	0	204	125	40.80	1	—	2/0
M A Taylor	3	5	0	140	129	28.00	1	—	3/0
S K Warne	3	5	0	135	53	27.00	—	1	1/0
I A Healy	3	5	1	99	47	24.75	—	—	14/1
M E Waugh	3	5	0	106	55	21.20	—	1	1/0
J N Gillespie	2	4	1	32	28*	10.66	—	—	1/0
M G Bevan	3	5	0	43	24	8.60	—	—	1/0
M S Kasprowicz	2	2	0	17	17	8.50	—	—	1/0
G D McGrath	3	3	3	1	1*	—	—	—	1/0

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	Best	5w	10w
G D McGrath	124.1	35	338	18	18.77	8-38	1	—
S K Warne	124.1	34	304	12	25.33	6-48	1	—
J N Gillespie	35	8	118	4	29.50	3-31	—	—
P R Reiffel	39	17	68	2	34.00	2-17	—	—
M S Kasprowicz	88	12	218	6	36.33	4-11	—	—
M G Bevan	34.4	6	121	2	60.50	1-14	—	—
S R Waugh	16	2	65	0	—	0-0	—	—

☐ Source: ECB / PA Cricket Record

EXTRA COVER

Whitehead makes his mark

The sight of Dickie Bird sobbing on his last Test appearance at Lord's remains one of the most touching images of 1996. Like Bird, Alan Whitehead was appointed to the first-class umpires panel in 1970 and, this month, he too will reach a landmark at Headquarters.

The game between Middlesex and the Australians is the 1,000th in which he has officiated, since he walked out with Bill Alley in a Gillette Cup tie at Truro 27 years ago.

Whitehead joined the list after an undistinguished career with Somerset. He umpired in five Tests from 1982 to 1987. "The biggest change is undoubtedly the pressure put upon us and the way players conduct themselves on the field," Whitehead said. For all that, umpiring still beats his winter work. "I have done everything from road sweeping to bookmaking. We have to get whatever we can take."

Missing man

In these times of team continuity, the Test career of Les Jackson seems bizarre. He was called up to make his England debut in 1949, but had to wait another 12 years, by which time he was 40, for a second, and last, appearance.

Jackson remains the leading wicket-taker in Derbyshire's history, with 1,670 victims at an average of 17.11, and his continued omission puzzled contemporaries, even allowing for competition from Fred Trueman, Frank Tyson, Brian Statham and Peter Loader.

Mike Carey canvassed widely in attempting to solve the mystery in a biography that coincides with the fiftieth anniversary of Jackson's county debut. The theory of Trueman — that the all-powerful Gubby Allen simply did not approve of Jackson's round-arm action — is especially intriguing. "Test selectors of that era . . . have a lot to answer for," Yorkshire's finest snarls in the foreword.

Old and infirm

Bingham CC is thought to be the fifth oldest club in England. Now, however, it is struggling to raise a side with the worst run of results since its formation, in 1787. The club's last victory came in August 1995 and it sits bottom of the Nottinghamshire Village League's sixth division.

Back in 1854, a Bingham team of 22 players lost by an innings to the famous All England XI, captained by William Clarke, after being dismissed for 89 and 63. "The scores are remarkably similar to today's," Phil Coop, the treasurer, said.

Light relief

The feat of installing temporary floodlights at Old Trafford for the day-night Roses game on July 21 will be a sight in itself. To avoid damaging the outfield, cranes outside the ground will hoist the lights over the stands.

This is just something else to occupy the thoughts of Mohan Kripalani, an accountant from London, who has taken four months off work to promote the event. At least, after the washout of the Axa Life League game between Surrey and Nottinghamshire last month, he will have the satisfaction of staging the first floodlit game at an authentic cricket ground in England. Weather permitting, of course.

Find the bat

Time is running out for Lawrence Mallinson. Sixteen years ago, he inherited a bat from his grandfather that was sliced open and hinged to bear the autographs of each Australia tour party since 1930. Signatures of the 1981 and 1985 squads took up the remaining space and so Mallinson started a second bat.

Two years ago, the new bat was stolen and Mallinson has just six weeks to recover it to add the autographs of Mark Taylor's vintage. There is a reward: either £500 worth of apple juice or cider from his fruit farm or £300 cash. Any information on 0181 874 7158 will be received gratefully.

Ames memorial

No less an authority than Sir Donald Bradman described Les Ames as "indisputably the greatest batsman-wicket-keeper who ever lived". This is part of a tribute to the former Kent and England player that will be hung in the new Les Ames Memorial Pavilion at Harvey Grammar School in Folkestone, where Ames was a pupil from 1916-22. Sir Colin Cowdrey conducts the official opening on July 22.

England all out

No England players make the World One-Day XI as chosen by contributors to CricInfo, an Internet website. Sachin Tendulkar tops the poll with 1,098 votes, ahead of Brian Lara (1,034) and Shane Warne (981). The team: Tendulkar, Lara, De Silva, M Waugh, Saeed Anwar, S Waugh, Healy, Wasim Akram, Warne, Ambrose, Donald.

Father Times

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

STOCKHOLM: Grand prix meeting: 200m: 1, A Boldon (Trin) 19.82sec; 2, M Greene (US) 19.86. 800m: W Kipketer (Den) 1min 41.73sec (equals world record) 1,500m: H El Guerrouj (Mor) 3min 29.30sec. 110m hurdles: 1, I Kovac (Slovakia) 13.13sec; 2, A Jarrett (GB) 13.26; 3, J Pierce (US) 13.28. 400m hurdles: B Bronson (US) 48.06sec. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, M Kiptanui (Ken) 8min 01.80sec. Women: 800m: 1, K Holmes (GB) 1min 57.14sec; 2, Y Afanasyeva (Russ) 1:58.05; 3, A Quirot (Cuba) 1:58.16. Javelin: T Hattestad (Nor) 67.08m.

BEDFORD: AAA Junior Championships: Second day: Men: 200m: C Malcolm (Cardiff) 20.48sec. 400m: M Parper (Belgrave) 47.10sec. 800m: N Nirk (GEC Avionics) 1min 50.89sec. 1,500m: M Dixon (Wigan) 3min 49.00sec. 110m hurdles: R Seer (Oxford City) 14.45sec. 400m hurdles: M Rowlands (Swansea) 51.88sec. 10km walk: T Taylor (Leicester WC) 48:44.42. High jump: B Challenger (Charnwood) 2.15m. Pole vault: C Linskey (Barnsley) 5.10m. Long jump: N Morgan (Blackheath) 7.55m. Discus: C Myerscough (Blackpool and Fylde) 53.86m. Javelin: D Parker (Shaftesbury Barnet) 71.08m. Women: 200m: S Wilhelmy (Southend) 23.44sec. 400m: L Owusu (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 55.23sec. 800m: E Davies (Andover) 2min 07.11sec. 3,000m: L Skorupska (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) 9min 36.91sec. 100m hurdles: J Pratt (Essex Ladies) 13.61sec. 400m hurdles: C Hall (City of Norwich) 1min 02.01sec. 5km walk: N Huckerby (Birchfield) 25min 01.55sec. Triple jump: J Johnson (Invicta East Kent) 12.05m. Shot: J Dunkley (Dartford) 14.36m. Discus: P Roles (Swansea) 50.94m.

CRICKET

AON RISK TROPHY (one day): Worcester: Glamorgan 171; Worcestershire 173-3 (J R A Williams 58 not out). Worcestershire win by seven wickets. Dunstall: Derbyshire 287-9 (M J Vandrau 72, J E Owen 54; N Killeen 4-85); Durham 227-7 (M A Roseberry 57). Derbyshire win by 60 runs. Bristol: Hampshire 271 (M Swarbrick 71). Gloucestershire 215-9 (R C J Williams 64 not out). Hampshire win by 56 runs.

SCHOOLS MATCH: MCC 242-5dec * Trinity 244-5 (R Mutucumarana 138 not out) * denotes home team

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of two: Aylesbury: Cumberland 173 and 218-3 (D J Pearson 85 not out, S M Dutton 73 not out). Buckinghamshire 258-9 (J C Harrison 86). Match drawn. Reading CC: Dorset 202-6 and 204-7; Berkshire 173-8 and 212-8 (J P J Sylvester 67, G E Loveday 51; V J Pike 6-75). Match drawn. South Wilts CC: Devon 226-1 and 311-3 (A J Pugh 105, N R Gaywood 95, C M W Read 60 not out); Wiltshire 206-5 and 145 (D A Winter 65; P M Roebuck 6-23). Devon win by 186 runs. First day of two: Hertford: Cumberland 215-4; Hertfordshire 35-1. Fenner's: Cambridgeshire 217-8 (J S G Norman 53, S A Kellett 50) and 27-2; Bedfordshire 237-4 (W Larkins 112, A R Roberts 62)

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four): Northampton: Northampton 478-7 (K J Innes 172 not out, G P Swann 106, D J Capel 85) v Essex.

CROQUET

HURLINGHAM: British Open: Second round: K M H Aiton bt P Cordingley +8tpo, +7tpo; C D Clarke bt G W Noble -17, +17tp, +26tp; C Patmore bt W T Coles -17, +26, +15; I G Vincent bt B Smith -17, +11, +12; C Southern bt A K Gregory +6, -9, +15. Third round: R I Fulford bt I D Bond +12, +26tp; C N Farthing bt A Johnson -26tp, +4, +17; S N Mulliner bt J P Goddard -17, +20, +25tp; P C Trimmer bt I J Burridge +21, +7; R J Brown bt D B Maugham -26tp, +9, +17; C D Clarke bt C Patmore +20tp, -26tp, +17tp.

FOOTBALL

BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: America 1 Criciuma 1; Paranaense 2 Uniao Sao Joao 0; Bragantino 3 Bahia 1; Corinthians 1 Internacional 3; Cruzeiro 3 Guarani 1; Flamengo 2 Santos 3; Juventude 0 Goias 0; Palmeiras 4 Fluminense 1; Portuguesa 1 Coritiba 0

RUGBY LEAGUE

AUSTRALASIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Canberra Raiders 28 Canterbury Bulldogs 10

ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP: Featherstone 26 Leeds 46.

RUGBY UNION

MELBOURNE: Tour match: Victoria 32 England Under-21 69.

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Wolverhampton 52 Poole 38.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Exeter 52 Edinburgh 38. Four-team championship: Qualifying round: Long Eaton 28 Hull 25, Skegness 22 Stoke 21

AMATEUR LEAGUE: M4 Raven Sprockets 52 Shuttle Cubs 26

TENNIS

BRISTOL: Challenger tournament: First round: N Gould (GB) bt B Cowan (GB) 6-1, 6-4; C Haggard (SA) bt N Weal (GB) 6-3, 7-5; O Burrieza (Sp) bt P Bouteyre (Fr) 6-1, 5-7, 6-4; S Downs (NZ) bt C Beecher (GB) 6-4, 7-5; P Tramacchi (Aus) bt R Lavergne (Fr) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; J Coetzee (SA) bt M Hromec (Slovenia) 6-3, 6-0; J Holmes (Aus) bt L Milligan (GB) 6-3, 6-1; T Spinks (GB) bt A Foster (GB) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3

NEWPORT, Rhode Island: Men's tournament: First round: S Stolle (Aus) bt S Campbell (US) 6-2, 6-2; S Sargsian (Arm) bt D Nestor (Can) 7-6, 7-5; L Paes (India) bt F Wibier (Holl) 7-5, 6-7, 6-4; B Steven (NZ) bt L Herrera (Mex) 6-3, 6-2; D Flach (US) bt D Norman (Bel) 5-7, 6-3, 7-6; S Simian (Fr) bt E Ran (Isr) 6-4, 6-4; B Ellwood (Aus) bt G Ellis (Arg) 7-6, 6-2

FELIXSTOWE: Women's satellite tournament: First round: T Obziler (Isr) bt K Kendall (Aus) 6-2, 6-3; S Stanley (Aus) bt A Augustus (US) 6-4, 7-6; H Matthews (GB) bt L Herbert (GB) 6-2, 6-0; N Grandin (SA) bt E Krutko (Lat) 6-0, 6-2; V Davies (GB) bt G Gultekin (Tur) 6-3, 6-2; K Cross (GB) bt H Laupa (Est) 6-4, 6-1; J Lutrova (Russ) bt E Lebescond (Fr) 6-4, 6-1; L Ogan (GB) bt K Elliott (GB) 1-6, 6-2, 6-3; H Crook (GB) bt S Turner (GB) 6-4, 7-5; J Ward (GB) bt M Marfina (Russ) 6-0, 6-2

SAILING

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Sixth leg (Boston to Southampton) Latest positions (with miles to Southampton, as at 14.00GMT yesterday) 1, Group 4 1,518; 2, Toshiba Wave Warrior 1,520; 3, Concert 1,542; 4, Save The Children 1,555; 5, Commercial Union 1,563; 6, Ocean Rover 1,569; 7, 3Com 1,570; 8, Nuclear Electric 1,577; 9, Pause To Remember 1,579; 10, Courtaulds International 1,593; 11, Motorola 1,595; 12, Heath Insured II 1,600; 13, Global Teamwork 1,608; 14, Time & Tide 1,633

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Fast lane beckons one of Formula One's emerging talents

Fisichella on the road to riches

BRIAN GLANVILLE

MARC ASPLAND

Fisichella can enhance his reputation in the British Grand Prix on Sunday

Attired in Jordan's garish mustard-coloured livery, Giancarlo Fisichella, a tiny 24-year-old Roman, resembles a shy schoolboy off to a fancy dress party. Once behind the wheel of a Formula One car, however, he is a competitor to be reckoned with.

Fourth in San Marino, third in Canada, Fisichella has become hot property in Formula One this season. Whether his future will be with Jordan, to whom he is on loan, remains to be seen, however. His mentor is the saturnine Flavio Briatore, of Benetton, and though Fisichella expects to see out the second year of his contract with Jordan, he may join Benetton then.

The "Tiburtino Arrow", as he is nicknamed, seems destined for better things and Jordan are expected to show well at the British Grand Prix on Sunday, raced on their home track at Silverstone. Fisichella has been behind a wheel since he was eight and if there is such a thing as a stage mother, then Fisichella can be said to have a kind of track father.

Fisichella Sr, a Sicilian from Catania who moved north to Rome, runs a body shop there and, says his son, "is a great fan of Formula One, and this he passed on to me. I watched all the big races with him".

Fisichella went karting for many years, becoming Italian champion in 1994. The step from go-karts to the real thing was imminent and logical. The next year, Minardi gave him a testing contract, and he competed with Alfa Romeo in international touring car races.

In 1996 he drove in Formula One for Minardi, making his grand prix debut in Australia, where he did not finish, and achieving his highest placing in the Canadian Grand Prix, where he was eighth.

Enter Briatore. "He looks after my future," Fisichella said, simply. "Last year, I did a test for Briatore in October at Estoril. After this test, he wanted to meet me, brought me to England and offered me a contract. He is a very important figure for me, helping me a lot. I hope to go ahead with him in the coming years."

Third place in Montreal last month showed that Briatore's confidence was justified. It was Jordan's second third place of the year, the first having been taken by Ralf Schumacher, the younger brother of the formidable Michael. Thereby hangs another tale, though: it was Jordan who gave Michael Schumacher his chance in Formula One before Briatore took him to Benetton, where he became world champion.

Fisichella thinks that he might even have taken second place in Montreal, where the race was stopped by an accident involving Olivier Panis, were it not for the deterioration of his tyres, although with characteristic modesty he admits that all the other drivers had the same problem.

Before the race, Briatore had briefed him. "He usually talks to me before a race, gives me advice, and I try to listen to it," Fisichella said. The result was a relief to Fisichella, who was somewhat demoralised when, in Buenos Aires, he was bumped off the track and out of the race — by none other than Ralf Schumacher. "He knocked me out of it," Fisichella said, his face for once darkening. "My teammate came right on top of me and bumped me off the track at one of the turns."

What were their relations like after that? "Not good," he said, "but now everything is all right. There's no great friendship between us. We work together, but I don't go and eat with him in the evenings.

"After what happened in Argentina, while I was in a good position to be up there on the podium, I was afraid I wouldn't have any more favourable chances. Instead, I've had some and I've finally been able to take advantage of them."

He enjoys driving for Jordan, praises the car — "I'm happy with it, it's very good, and I hope to be on other podiums during this season" — and warms to Eddie Jordan. "This year is one in which I hope to have all the experience possible," he said.

Eddie Jordan is "*molto simpatico, un po' pazzo*" (very sympathetic, a bit crazy) but "this is really good. Crazy in the sense that he's very open at the press conferences: *fa tanti casini*," which can best be translated as "he stirs it up a lot".

Engaged to a Roman girl, Fisichella has been spending time in Oxfordshire studying English with a young Italian who had been teaching at an Oxford school. While Fisichella, as a football fan, is "*romanista cento per cento*" (100 per cent for Roma, rather than their cross-town rivals, Lazio) his teacher admits that he is one of the few Italian males with no interest in football.

Fisichella has a home in Monte Carlo, but "my real home is in Rome", he said. He displays the fearlessness of the true racing driver. "I've had many accidents, but I'm not afraid. I just get back in the car and go as fast as I can. When I'm on the track, I feel great. I always want to be out there, I always want to race."

Heroes? "Lauda and then Senna. I like Lauda a lot, the way he drove. Senna because I saw he was superior to all the other drivers." Briatore, fame and fortune beckon.

Jordan deal deflects Arrows

TWR Arrows, the Formula One team on which Damon Hill pinned his hopes after becoming world champion last season, suffered another setback yesterday when Jordan announced that they had signed a two-year deal to use Mugen-Honda engines. Hill's team, which has been beset by problems this season, had been hoping to change from Yamaha to Mugen-Honda next year.

The Japanese company will take over at Jordan from Peugeot, which is now expected to supply the French team headed by Alain Prost, the former world champion, when its three-year agreement with Jordan expires at the end of the season.

Eddie Jordan, who owns the team based at Silverstone, said in Tokyo that the deal would help Jordan to challenge for the world championship.

"This is another significant milestone for Jordan Grand Prix," he said. "We have worked hard for a long time to earn this opportunity. Our partnership with Mugen-Honda will provide additional strength and depth to our package plus an unparalleled commitment to success."

Gerhard Berger, the Austrian driver, will miss the British Grand Prix at Silverstone on Sunday as he continues to recover from a sinus operation. Berger will again be replaced in the Benetton-Renault by his compatriot, Alexander Wurz.

TELEVISION CHOICE

A victim of harassment

The Day That Changed My Life
BBC2, 7.30pm (not Scotland)

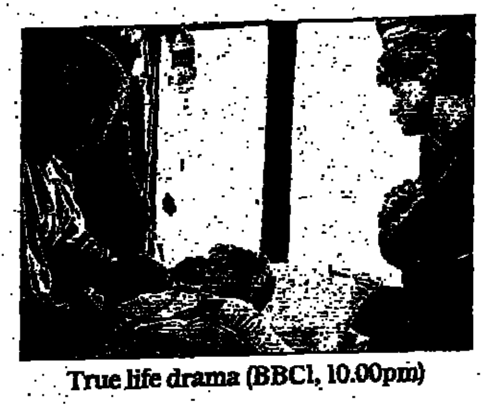
It was not so much a single day that changed everything for Lesley Morris but a sustained form of Chinese torture. In 1990 the Royal Navy decided to allow women to serve in warships and Morris, who had dreamt of a naval career, was one of the first to take advantage. Within a couple of years she tried to kill herself by taking an overdose. What changed her from being cheerful and outgoing into a paranoid depressive was a sustained campaign of sexual harassment from male colleagues. Day after day she had to endure name-calling, bullying and physical humiliation. She eventually took the Ministry of Defence to court and won but the episode wrecked her career and left her emotionally damaged. It also raises questions about the type of men recruited for the Navy and the lack of control on their behaviour.

One Foot in the Past
BBC2, 8.00pm

You might have got long odds against Michael Portillo making his first substantial television appearance since the election on the heritage programme. But his celebration of an 18th-century Soane house in Buckinghamshire, with landscaping by Capability Brown, may be seen as entirely consistent with Tory instincts for tradition and conservation. Portillo even suggests that people who create fine houses may leave a greater legacy than politicians. Portillo's film is only one of the usual diversity of items that makes *One Foot In the Past* so enjoyable. Kirsty Wark, who hosts this fifth series as she has the other four, visits Highbury, the Arsenal football stadium, where controversy rages over the 1930s stands. The club plans to pull them down, while English Heritage is determined to preserve their Art Deco glory.

Reputations: John Wayne
BBC2, 9.00pm

James Kent's shrewd profile is less about the films of John Wayne than what their star stood for, though it is often difficult to separate the two. For a man of fiercely traditional, not to say reactionary, views, it was no coincidence that Wayne made the only Hollywood film favourable to the Vietnam War. Nor was it surprising that for his debut as director Wayne should celebrate the all-American hero Davy Crockett. Oliver Stone is one who found Wayne's right-wing politics too hard to take, but for others almost everything, even the racism, could be put aside in admiration for a great screen presence. Kent is alive to the irony that for somebody who glorified battle and played war heroes, Wayne shirked the chance to serve himself. Having established himself after nearly a decade in B movies, he put his career first.



True life drama (BBC1, 10.00pm)

QED: Cause of Death
BBC1, 10.00pm

Normally a documentary series, *QED* goes into dramatic mode for the first time though the story it tells is true with only the names changed. It takes its cue from an alarming incidence of deaths among trauma patients treated in hospital accident and emergency departments. Up to one third of these fatalities, a report has suggested, could be prevented. We follow one such case, of a 23-year-old man involved in a motor cycle accident. His injuries, which include kidney damage, bruised ribs and a dislocated elbow, seem far from life-threatening. Even when he has a cardiac arrest, his parents are assured he has a 95 per cent chance of recovery. It is not to be and we follow the campaign by his father (Tom Georgeson) to penetrate the smokescreen put up by the hospital and discover why his son died.

Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Jazz Notes
Radio 3, 12.30am

I like to highlight this programme from time to time and not entirely because my standing complaint about radio jazz — that it is too little and too late — tends to irritate the powers of Radio 3. This week my complaint has the backing of a number of writers to *Feedback*, who share my view that Radio 3 can hardly claim to be a music station if it puts jazz in a tiny ghetto. End of sermon. *Jazz Notes* is always worth staying up for and especially so tonight because the featured band is the Kimbara Brothers, whose music is inspired by the 1930s output of the Hot Club of France, where Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli first came to public attention. But the Kimbara Brothers is no mere soundalike band.

Cheshire Wives
Radio 4, 7.20pm

A new series which will raise a few eyebrows in the South East of England, and especially London, which is generally thought to have cornered the market in women such as the ones featured. In fact of course women with plenty of money and plenty of time exist in all the wealthier enclaves of Britain and Alderley Edge, where people who make fortunes in Manchester are liable to live, is no exception. There is a huge temptation to send-up such people, but Lindsay Leonard's series resists that in favour of letting the women speak for themselves. The impression is of women who are not so much uncaring about the real world but oblivious to it, for all that charity work is at the centre of their social activity.

Peter Barnard

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mary Ann Hobbs **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Global Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Stuart Maconie **1.00am** Claire Sturgess **4.00** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Alex Lester **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Nick Barraclough **8.00** Ralph McTell **9.00** Tracey MacLeod **9.30** Half Sketch, Half Biscuit **10.00** Steve Wright Picture Show **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00pm** Midday News **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra with Valerie Sanderson **7.30** Trackmarks. A four-part history of athletics with Steve Cram **8.00** The World of... Motor Racing. With Eddie Jordan and guests **9.00** Extra Time with Mark Steele **10.00** Newstalk **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **9.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe **7.15** World Today **7.30** Sport **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Meridian Live **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Opera of the Week **10.05** Business **10.15** Farming **10.30** Science **10.45** Sport **11.30** One Planet **12.30pm** Sport **1.00** News in German **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain **1.30** Science **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Megamix **4.05** Sport **4.15** Performance **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain **6.15** World Today **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** The Works **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** On Screen **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** From Our Own Correspondent **1.45** Britain **2.30** Omnibus **3.30** Meridian Books **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Concerto. Zimmerman (Double Bass Concerto in D major); Chopin (Piano Concerto No 1 in E minor, Op 11) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Mozart (Piano Sonata No 4 in E flat major) **8.00** Classic Evening Concert. Wagner (Overture: The Flying Dutchman); Benjamin Britten (Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes); Juventino Rosas (Over the Waves); Arnold Bax (Tintagel); Benjamin Britten (Noye's Fludde) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Nick Abbot **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Bach, transc Liszt (Fantasia and Fugue in G minor); Brahms (String Sextet in B flat, Op 18 No 1); Chopin (Ballade No 3 in A flat, Op 47); Delius (Life's Dance); Wagner (Overture: Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg); Respighi (Piano Concerto in A minor)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Includes Berlioz (Overture: Rob Roy); Satie (Gnossiennes Nos 1-3); Stravinsky (Four Norwegian Moods); Prokofiev (Violin Sonata No 2)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris de Souza. Includes Wagner (Overture: Rienzi); Henri Sauguet (Cantata La voyante); Liszt (Funeral Ode No 2, La Notte); Simon Holt (Shadow Realm); Haydn (Symphony No 72 in D); Myslivecek (Wind Octet No 2 in E flat); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in C, Op 53, Waldstein)

12.00 Composers of the Week: Early Spanish Music

1.00pm News; Voices at the Wigmore Hall. Iain Burnside introduces and accompanies Susan Chilcott, soprano, in the sixth of seven recitals given at London's Wigmore Hall. Includes Britten (On This Island); Prokofiev (Five Poems of Anna Akhmatova); Strauss (Mit Deinen Blauen Augen, Op 56 No 4); Standchen (Op 17 No 2); Cacilie (Op 27 No 2); Noel Coward (Mad About the Boy); Britten (Johnny; Calypso)

2.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Includes Falla (Seven Popular Spanish Songs); Hummel (Trumpet Concerto in E)

4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Salisbury Cathedral. With the director of music Richard Seal and the organist David Halls

5.00 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson learns how to improvise with Dangerous Kitchen

5.15 In Tune, with Natalie Wheen. Includes Barber (Sure on This Shining Night); Aaron Jay Kernis (Musica Celestis)

6.00 Rush Hour Concert. From the Wigmore Hall, London. London Winds, under Michael Collins. Rossini (Quartet No 6 in F); Damase (Variations for Wind Quintet, Op 22); Janacek (Mladi)

7.00 Cocktails. Includes the orchestras of Marek Weber, Stefan Weintraub and Teddy Kline from Berlin, and from Paris, Ray Ventura and his *Collegians*, Django Reinhardt, Stephane Grappelli and the Quintet of the Hot Club

7.30 Turnage Double Bill (Sounding the Century). Natalie Wheen introduces two new pieces by Mark-Anthony Turnage recorded last Saturday at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London. *Twice Through the Heart* is performed by the mezzo Sally Burgess, and *The Country of the Blind* is performed by Thomas Randle, Regina Nathan and Keel Watson. The English National Opera Orchestra is conducted by Nicholas Kok

9.05 Edmund Burke. The historian Dr Jonathan Clark asks whether Burke was simply an irreconcilable conservative (2/5)

9.30 Daniel Bortz. Symphony No 1. The Monte Carlo Philharmonic under James DePreist

10.00 Ensemble. Caroline Palmer, piano, plays the first and fifth of Bach's French Suites and a group of pieces from Book 2 of Debussy's Preludes

10.45 Night Waves: Tony Palmer reviews *Get on the Bus*, a new film by Spike Lee, based on the Million Man March of 1995. The film follows a bus full of African-Americans as they prepare for the march

11.30 Composers of the Week: Schola Cantorum (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes. See Choice

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Chair. Professor Anthony Clare interviews Ann Widdecombe, MP (r)

9.45 Better than Sex. Four writers explore a sensuous experience that gives them pleasure. Adam Thorpe on his passion for swimming naked (2/4)

10.00 News; A Good Read. Thomas Sutcliffe invites Ann Widdecombe, MP, and Helen Wilkinson to nominate their favourite paperbacks

10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, with Eric Robson, Bob Flowerdew and Pippa Greenwood (r)

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm North East of Eden. A comedy written by Peter Kerry. Starring Joan Sims, Rebecca Front and James Garbutt (4/6) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Patricia's Policy. Written by Tony Mulholland. Starring Lucy Tregear, Kim Wall and Hilary Maclean (4/4)

2.45 Countdown. Iva Chin Shue divides her time between three countries, her cooking and her career as a hypnotherapist (2/10)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Dave Brehan

4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini talks to Herb Alpert as he embarks on a new tour, and reviews the Kirov Ballet production of *Don Quixote*

4.45 Short Story: The Last Word, by Anne Biggar. Read by Una McLean

5.00 PM, with Kevin Bocquet and Nigel Wrench **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Brain of Britain. The nationwide general knowledge quiz reaches the second semi-final stage (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Cheshire Wives. See Choice

7.50 Witnessing History. John Florance talks to the conductor Meredith Davies, the soprano Heather Harper and the critic Donald Mitchell as they recall the first performance of Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem* in 1962

8.20 Whiter Than White: Portrait of a Play. The playwright Peter Mortimer works with a group of ten-year-olds from Allendale Middle School in the North Pennines

9.00 Catalyst. Quentin Cooper talks to the pioneers of nanotechnology about how the world could be transformed by the manipulation of materials, atom by atom (4/5)

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Captain Corelli's Mandolin, by Louis de Bernières. Abridged by Alison Joseph and read by Robert Powell (3/15)

11.00 Twenty Players. The last of six programmes featuring fictional sporting heroes

11.15 The Mahaffys. Final part of Kat MacDermott's six-part comedy set in smalltown Ireland. With Pauline McLynn and Jonathan White

11.30 Life, Death and Sex with [illegible] (FM). A comedy series by Bill Dare. Starring Robert Duncan, Julia Hills and Roger Blake (5/5) (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Giant's House, by Elizabeth McCracken (6/10)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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RUGBY UNION

England face Australia's big guns

JUST as their colleagues from the 1997 British Isles tour to South Africa were landing at Heathrow yesterday, England's Lions arrived in Sydney to hear that Australia will recall three of their most distinguished players for the international on Saturday (David Hands writes).

Matt Burke, who rivals Christian Cullen, of New Zealand, as the world's best full back, has recovered from various aches and pains. He is one of six changes made to the XV beaten 30-13 by New Zealand in Christchurch on Saturday, taking over from Stephen Larkham and offering an option to John Eales, the captain, as goal kicker.

Jason Little returns to the centre instead of Daniel Herbert and Garrick Morgan plays in the second row with Eales after a major shoulder reconstruction. James Holbeck, who replaced the injured Pat Howard against the All Blacks, retains his place at centre.

While young Matt Cockbain predictably gives way to Morgan, the front row loses Richard Harry at loose head prop and the hooker, Marco Caputo; Michael Foley returns instead of Caputo and Greg Smith, the Australia coach, has called up the younger of the Blades brothers, Cameron, to make his debut.

England will assess the fitness of their Lions in two training runs today before naming their side.

AUSTRALIA: M Burke; B Tune, J S Little, J Holbeck, J W Roff; T J Horan, G M Gregan; C Blades, M A Foley, E J A McKenzie, B J Robinson, G Morgan, J A Eales (captain), D J Wilson, T Coker or D T Manu

FIXTURES

CRICKET

NatWest Trophy
Second round
10.30, 60 overs
DERBY: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Worcestershire
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Glamorgan
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Yorkshire
UXBRIDGE: Middlesex v Gloucestershire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Nottinghamshire
HOVE: Sussex v Lancashire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Somerset

Tour match
11.0: first day of three
SHENLEY PARK: MCC v Pakistan A

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Second day of four: Northampton: Northamptonshire v Essex. First day of three: Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Durham. Haslingden: Lancashire v Kent. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Surrey. Clevedon: Somerset v Hampshire. Horsham: Sussex v Gloucestershire. Harrogate: Yorkshire v Middlesex

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of two: Fenner's: Cambridgeshire v Bedfordshire. Hertford: Hertfordshire v Cumberland

RUGBY LEAGUE

International match
Scotland v France
(at Partick Thistle, 7.30)

ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: Leeds v Warrington; Wigan v Hull Kingston Rovers

OTHER SPORT

CROQUET: British Open championships (Hurlingham)
GOLF: Loch Lomond World Invitational.
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Coventry v Wolverhampton (7.30); King's Lynn v Swindon (7.45); Poole v Peterborough (7.30). Premier League: Long Eaton v Berwick (7.45)
TENNIS: Challenger tournament in Bristol

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43

HARTAL

(c) Organised shutting of shops and cessation of business, to serve, usually, as a protest against government legislation or a political situation, or as an act of mourning. From the Hindi for "the locking of shops". Sanskrit *hatta* a shop + *talaka* a lock or bolt. "At the beginning of the Rowlatt Act Satyagraha Gandhi called on his followers for a hartal."

MOKIHANA

(c) A Hawaiian tree, *Pelea anisata*, of the family Rutaceae. The Hawaiian name.

LIKKEWAAN

(c) The South African *leguan* or *iguana*. "The dour old likkewaan with his whiplash of a tail, can still be seen creeping through the shadows in search of birds' eggs to suck."

IMPOOF

(c) The common African eland, *Taurotragus oryx*. From the Zulu *i-mpofu*. *Mpofu* means "tawny". "Writing on the hunting of these creatures, the same author [sc. W. Cornwallis Harris] remarks that, 'notwithstanding the unwieldy shape of these animals, they had at first greatly exceeded the speed of our jaded horses'."

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1 ... Rb6! threatening 2 ... Rb5+ 3 Ka4 Rbxc5! 4 bxc5 Rb1 winning. Surprisingly, White has no good defence, e.g. 2 Bf3 Rb5+ 3 Ka4 Rb8! 4 Rxb6 Ra6 checkmate

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Hot off the grill, glowing with enthusiasm

The leg of lamb's hours on the barbecue had not been wasted. Ainsley Harriott rolled his eyes, flicked his tongue and went through all the other mannerisms that a career forged in stand-up comedy and daytime cookery slots have produced. As fork neared mouth, the question was, as it always is: would the lamb be "delightful", or would it make to that pinnacle of Harriott culinary excellence, "extra delightful"?

Neither, as it turned out. As the first part of **Ainsley's Barbecue Bible** (BBC2) neared its end, our host — who is normally nothing if not predictable — took me by surprise. "Ooh," he gurgled. "I can taste the carbon coming through." I waited for him to tell us whether that was delightful carbon or the extra delightful variety, but he never did. Perhaps he said cardamom.

Such confusion, however, is part and filo pastry parcel of a Harriott cookery programme. You do not watch to learn how to cook, you watch to admire the performance. And what a performance it is — a bit Uncle Tom, a lot Russell Grant and a fair old dollop of anybody who ever presented the Daz doorstep challenge. It is a combination that potentially makes him hugely annoying. The fact that in reality he is only modestly annoying probably explains why he's so good at daytime television.

But will he be any good mid-evening, occupying BBC2's reasonably serious cookery slots? For those who know their briquettes from their lump-coal and find Gary Rhodes a little on the quiet side, the answer is, probably, yes. But for the rest of us, I doubt it. It's too loud, too mannered and too fast — and just when you think you might be getting the hang of it, he sets a recipe to music and starts dancing. Yes I know it was salsa, but that's hardly the point, is it?.

The one unarguably good idea in last night's programme was to present it from an overcast but definitely multi-cultural Birmingham allotment. Next week, however, Harriott reverts to television cookery type and starts jetting round the world at the licence-payers' expense. First stop Alonissos, a Greek island so dry that it is regularly swept by forest fires. Sounds just the place for a barbie.

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

If barbecues are not really my thing, Chelsea Football Club definitely is. Which meant I rather enjoyed **True Stories: Football Dreams** (Channel 4), and those whose loyalties lie elsewhere probably didn't.

But while I sat there with my collection of old programmes, trying to second-guess which of the young hopefuls made it, before Malcolm Brinkworth, the producer, told us, even I could see that this was not top-flight documentary-making. His last project, *The Good Life*, a short series charting the progress of several townies "escaping" to the countryside, was shown only a month ago and enjoyed not a little critical acclaim. *Football Dreams*, on the other hand, fell into the category of "here's one I made earlier".

A lot earlier. For reasons that were not apparent and never explained, the film was a year out of date, charting the bruising progress of the youth team not last season but the season before. Just occasionally that worked to modest advantage, such as when the mother of Neil Clement, who made his first team debut last season, said she was thinking of having "a word," with Graham Rix, the youth team coach: "By the time he comes home at night he's so tired." Clement, I suspect, will take some time to live that down.

Brinkworth's main problem, however, was that uncharacteristically he had taken his eye off the ball, allowing the camera to concentrate on the articulate Rix, a well travelled and highly experienced former professional footballer, rather than on his comparatively monosyllabic young charges, who spent most of the film either cleaning boots or avoiding Spanish fouls. The result was that we now have a very good idea of why Rix was promoted to be assistant first team coach and almost no idea of why several members of the youth team are now looking for alternative employment.

While all these 16-year-old boys were running around on Channel 4, Isgard, a 16-year-old girl, was moving rather more sedately as the *United Kingdom* series continued with **Sweet Sixteen**. Charlotte Bill's film worked on all sorts of levels, including playfully confirming all sort of prejudices about a certain type of person who moves to Cornwall. People who call their children Isgard and Hawken and then split up; people who rage against "neo-fascist right-wing governments" while their son quietly gets on with his studies.

At one point we eavesdropped on a phone call between Isgard and her father, who now lives in San Francisco (where else?) with his new girlfriend. He was just off for a mud-bath. There was a wonderful pause as his well-balanced daughter absorbed this latest piece of information: "That's some hippy-shit thing, is it?" Having established that it was, she said goodbye with a sensible piece of advice: "Keep your pants on."

In structure, it was like a junior version of *This Life*, particularly in its ability to draw secondary characters into the action. Teachers, boyfriends, best friends, they all had something to contribute. None more so than Julian, Isgard and Hawken's housemate, who read a very bad poem to a very pretty girl on his last day in college, only to be very publicly stood up by her at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth. "I suppose there are lot reasons she's not here," he said philosophically, as he wandered off into the night, clutching a heavy stone carving he had made specially. Ah, the resilience of youth.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (50064)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (55422)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3655354)
9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (1079460)
9.50 Kilroy (5758828)
10.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? (90422)
11.00 News (T) and weather (7249606)
11.05 International Golf Dougie Donnelly introduces action from the early rounds on day one of this week's Loch Lomond World Invitational (8521809)
12.35pm Neighbours (8152606)
1.00 News (T) and weather (65809)
1.30 Regional News (42737977)
1.40 Columbo: Double Exposure (r) (T) (4974489)
2.50 International Golf and Cricket Further action from the first 18 holes of the Loch Lomond World Invitational. More from today's featured NatWest Trophy second-round tie. Continues on BBC2 (9307606) **WALES: 2.50** Cricket (9307606)
4.00 Popeye (7198170) **4.10** The Thunderlizards (7194354) **4.20** Morph TV with Tony Hart (4406151) **4.35** Prince of Atlantis (8209996) **5.00** Newsround (T) (1345064) **5.10** Bright Sparks. New series (T) (4933977)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (636248)
6.00 News (T) and weather (199)
6.30 Regional News (151)
7.00 Animal Hospital Revisited Rolf Harris checks up on Ben, a canine friend featured in the last series (T) (3625)
7.30 Hot Gadgets The willing volunteers put night-vision goggles to the test, learn to play golf using a video-phone and test the claims of an electronic nausea blocker (T) (335)
8.00 The National Lottery Live (T) (303034)
8.15 One Foot in the Grave Selection Box Celebrity fans select their favourite clips from the comedy starring Richard Wilson as grumpy Victor Meldrew (T) (944557)
8.50 Points of View (T) (621644)
9.00 News (T) and weather (3460)
9.29 National Lottery Update (562151)
9.30 Men Behaving Badly Tony returns from holiday with a new look which he mistakenly thinks is bound to impress the lovely Deborah (r) (T) (21880)
10.00 CHOICE **QED: Cause of Death** Drama based on the true story of a man's battle for justice after a medical blunder which led to the death of his only son (T) (9538)
11.00 The X Files: Aubry Mulder and Scully investigate the identity of a 1940s murder victim (961286)
11.45 Smith and Jones Outlandish comedy as Griff worries his daughter may have been kidnapped by a religious cult (T) (306064)
12.15am Cricket: NatWest Trophy Highlights from a second-round match (235949)
1.15 Night Was Our Friend (1951) with FILM Elizabeth Sellars and Michael Gough. A man returns home to England, after being lost in the jungles of Brazil for two years, only to find his wife has fallen in love with another man. He then commits suicide Directed by Michael Anderson (330313)
2.15 Weather (9242328)

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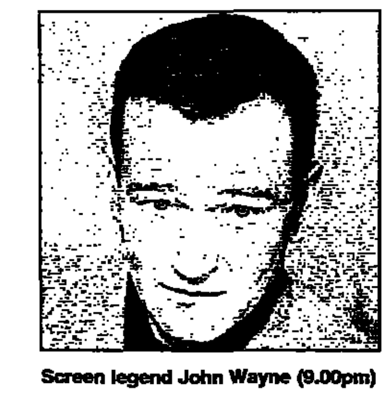
BBC2

6.00am Open University: Living with Technology (9204880) **6.50** The Film: Joy Ride (6449489)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (6194644)
7.30 The Moomins (r) (7213002) **7.55** Activ-8 (r) (T) (6154354) **8.20** Christopher Crocodile (r) (3627880) **8.25** Johnson and Friends (1885070) **8.35** The Record (2754064) **9.00** Cartoon (5436996) **9.05** The Phil Silvers Show (r) (1072557) **9.30** Great Mysteries and Myths of the 20th Century (2743809) **9.55** Teletubbies (2751828)
10.25 Cricket: NatWest Trophy Tony Lewis introduces early coverage from one of today's 60-overs-per-side second-round ties (75403915)
12.45pm Working Lunch (807118) **1.15** Joshua Jones (66689267)
1.25 Cricket and Golf Golf: Update on the first round of the Loch Lomond World Invitational at one of Scotland's most challenging courses; Cricket: Further action from a second round game (4403118)
2.50 News (r) regional news and weather (1914422) **2.55** Westminster with Nick Ross (T) (5730977) **3.55** News (T) regional news and weather (2628828)
4.00 Cricket and Golf Golf Steve Rider presents the closing stages of day one in the Loch Lomond World Invitational. Cricket: the crucial action from the final few overs of today's featured NatWest Trophy second-round match (1858034)
7.30 CHOICE **The Day That Changed My Life** A Navy Wren's dreams of a successful career are shattered by sexual harassment while serving in *HMS Illustrious* (T) (977)
8.00 CHOICE **One Foot in the Past** New series of the heritage programme (1165)
8.30 Wildlife Showcase Documentary film on the koala (T) (9422)

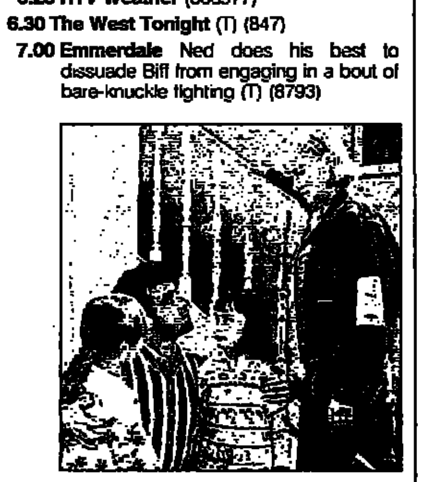


Screen legend John Wayne (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Reputations: John Wayne — The Unquiet American** A probing look at the public career and secret life of Hollywood's most popular actor: John Wayne (T) (7793)
10.00 Steptoe and Son (r) (T) (13373)
10.28 UK Image (700644)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (914118)
11.15 Gaytime TV with Rhona Cameron, Richard Fairbrass and Kym Mazelle (T) (232286)
11.55 Weather (762267)
12.00 The Midnight Hour (25132)
12.30am Learning Zone: Rockall (14215) **1.00** The Changing Shape of the North Sea (13869) **1.30** Polar Oceans (15316) **2.00** Great Outdoors Collections 3 (96497) **4.00** English Heritage (62855) **4.30** Unicef in the Classroom: Short Stories (80132) **5.00** Basic Skills (60836) **5.30** Voluntary Matters (26861)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (3377660)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (1070199)
9.55 Regional News (7661016)
10.00 The Time, the Place (37538)
10.30 This Morning (T) (94260248)
12.20pm Regional News (8716083)
12.30 News (T) and weather (8171731)
3.20 News (T) (1296828) **3.25** Regional News and weather (1295199)
3.30 Tots TV (r) (4595373) **3.40** Gigglish Allsorts (r) (1886996) **3.50** Oscar and Friends (r) (2616083) **3.55** The Animal Shelf (4598460) **4.10** Chatterhappy Ponies (r) (T) (7189422) **4.20** Tiny Toon Adventures (T) (4422199) **4.40** Wavelength (T) (8724828)
5.10 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China (r) (1999731)
5.40 News (T) and weather (802354)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (310151)
6.25 HTV Weather (666977)
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (847)
7.00 Emmerdale Ned does his best to dissuade Biff from engaging in a bout of bare-knuckle fighting (T) (8793)



The Websters reunited (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street An unexpected visitor for Steve ruins Andy's big day and Kevin prepares Sally's homecoming (T) (731)
8.00 Inspector Morse: Last Bus to Woodstock When a young secretary is found dead in a pub car park, Morse's nose for crime convinces him something is not quite right (r) (T). Followed by Lottery Result (5199)
10.00 News (T) and weather (17199)
10.30 Regional News (T) (398286)
10.40 Gayle's World Spoof Page Three girl Gayle Tuesday, alias comedienne Brenda Gilhooly, hosts her own comedy sketch show. The guests include Sheila Hancock (T) (809441)
11.10 Live at Jongleurs Musician Rick Wakeman introduces John Maloney, John Mann and Canadian comedy music act Corky and the Juice Pigs (T) (753199)
11.40 Tropical Heat (699557)
12.35am Jody Horowitz Reports: At the Rodeo (5127497)
1.10 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (9224958)
1.35 Blind Vengeance (1990) with Gerald FILM McRaney, Marg Helgenberger and Lane Smith. A father embarks on psychological campaign on the gang of racists who killed his son. Directed by Lee Philips (102836)
3.10 Jones and Jury (r) (73068294)
3.30 Customs Classified (r) (8459923)
4.20 Sound Bites (78750010)
4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (22059039)
5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (53590)
5.30 News (20687)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
1.50-2.20 Now and Then (59743170)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1999731)
6.25-7.00 Central News (911248)
11.40 Swift Justice (308793)
12.40am Dating the Enemy (5296749)
1.40 Bonkers (9523749)
2.40 The Chart Show (6443855)
3.35 Comedy Central (8317652)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
1.20 Emmerdale (97567314)
1.50-2.20 Millionaires (59743170)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1999731)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (44731)
7.30-8.00 Stately Homes (731)
11.40 Swift Justice (699557)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
1.50-2.20 Summer Getaways (59743170)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1999731)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (267)
6.30-7.00 Meridian Focus (847)
11.10 Truly, Madly, Weekly (753199)
11.40 Hunter (699557)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
1.50-2.20 Liza's Country (59743170)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1999731)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (911248)
11.40 Weekly World News (793977)
12.10 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (3627010)

S4C

Starts: 9.00 Bewitched
9.30 The Monroes (1765606)
10.25 Divine Magic (6078880)
11.25 Animation (3761335)
11.30 Springhill (4335)
12.00 House to House (97052)
12.30pm Ricki Lake (34354)
1.00 Slot Meithrin (25342267)
1.15 Lisabeth (66674335)
1.25 Australia Wild (19745147)
1.55 Racing from Newmarket (42655977)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (460)
4.30 Dosh (644)
5.00 5 Pump (5209903)
5.15 Ffeil (1357809)
5.30 Countdown 200th Edition (996)
6.00 Newyddion (302267)
6.05 Heno (338557)
6.35 Jac yn y Bocs (673267)
7.00 Pobol y Cwm (804688)
7.25 garej (135575)
8.00 Llangollen '97 (5083)
8.30 Newyddion (4118)
9.00 Spin City (6170)
9.30 Spin City (54118)
10.00 Brookside (213731)
10.35 Tour De France (808712)
11.05 Gas (745170)
11.35 Cybill (792248)
12.05am The Straight Guide to Queer (5502590)
12.35 Village Voices (5288720)
1.35 Film: Grief (100478)
3.10 Dinner Party (45234300)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (76002) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (71460) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (94248) **9.30** The Monroes. Washington DC drama series (1765606)
10.25 Divine Magic (r) (T) (6078880) **11.25** Secrets of the Moor (3/6) (r) (T) (5765373) **11.55** Domo (6490644)
12.00 House to House Political magazine (97052) **12.30pm** Caroline in the City: Caroline and the ex-Wife (r) (T) (34354) **1.00** Caroline in the City: Caroline and the Movie (r) (T) (14557408) **1.25** Australia Wild (r) (T) (19745147)
1.55 Racing from Newmarket Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the **2.05, 2.35, 3.10** and **3.40** races (42655977)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (460) **4.30** Countdown: the 2000th Edition (r) (T) (8293335) **4.55** Ricki Lake (r) (T) (2153118)
5.30 Pet Rescue The tale of Scrappy, a puppy who was abandoned in a car park (r) (T) (996)
6.00 Fluke Last in series of the game show based on luck (809)
6.30 Tour De France The 223km stage from Plumelec to Puy de Fou (489)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (415809)
7.50 Chester Mystery Plays (T) (594731)
8.00 Brookside Bel decides to use dirty tactics in her custody fight with Ollie. Jackie and Jimmy can't agree on a name for their new baby (T) (5083)
8.30 Almost Golden: The Jessica Savitch Story (1995) starring Sela Ward and Ron FILM Silver. The story of the American news anchorwoman who rose to the top despite a drink and drugs problem. Directed by Paul Werner (69911606)

Marlon Brando stars (10.15pm)

10.15 Missouri Breaks (1976) A western FILM drama starring Marlon Brando and Jack Nicholson. A cattle barron hires a bounty hunter to prevent a gang of thieves from raiding his herd. Directed by Arthur Penn (T) (89596199)
12.35am These Shoes Weren't Made for Walking The roles and aspirations of four generations of Chinese women (5125039)
1.10 Edge of the Horizon (1993) starring FILM Claude Brasseur. A pathologist comes face to face with the victim of a police shooting — a younger version of himself. Directed by Fernando Lopes. In Portuguese with English subtitles (145381)
2.45 Dying for the Truth The *Observer* photojournalist John Sweeney returns to the former Yugoslavia (r) (T) (9288923)
3.50 The Legend of George Rex Kenneth Griffith's film about a possible pretender to the British Throne (r) (T) (8327039)
4.50 Heart Songs (r) (85328045)
5.05 Tour De France (r) (4753316)
5.30 Backdate (r) (T) (28229)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. **Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz**

6.00am 5 News Early (9627880)
7.30 Havakazoo (7460267) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (7350064) **8.30** WideWorld. The Living Earth (7359335)
9.00 Espresso (3050625) **10.00** Exclusive! (r) (5039335)
10.30 Flights of Fancy A wildlife documentary about the jackass penguin (r) (T) (7379199)
11.00 Leeza American chat show (6911915)
11.50 Double Espresso (19762373)
12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Los (T) (7353151) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4934809)
1.00 5 News Update (10116985) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (8977996) **2.00** 5's Company. Live entertainment show (6940151)

Pilot Humphrey Bogart (3.30pm)

3.30 Tokyo Joe (1949, b/w) with Humphrey FILM Bogart. A drama about an American pilot in postwar Tokyo who discovers that his wife, thought to have been killed by the Japanese, is alive but remarried. Directed by Stuart Heisler (1476996)
5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (68090809)
5.30 100 Per Cent (7707489)
6.00 Move on Up Fast-moving game show (7797002)
6.30 Family Affairs (T) (7788354)
7.00 Exclusive! Showbiz magazine presented by Julia Bradbury (6047793)
7.30 Treasure Islands The wildlife of Aldabra, an atoll in the Indian Ocean (T) (7784538)
8.00 Instant Gardens William Van Hage and his team complete the transformation of Clare Blakeway-Philips's overgrown Oxfordshire garden (6056441)
8.30 5 News (6042248)
9.00 Blind Hate (1990) with Corbin Bernsen A FILM drama about the Ku Klux Klan trying to bring down the US Government. Directed by John Korty (60849644)
10.50 The Jack Docherty Show with Stephanie Beecham, Ian Hislop, Ant and Dec, with music from the Wannadies (6824793)
11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (5652880)
12.25am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine presented by Dominik Diamond, featuring coverage of the Japanese equivalent of Britain's Formula 3000 at **2.00** (12585519)
4.40 The Streets of San Francisco (6214671)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3031590)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (704880) 9.00 Regis and Kathie Lee (20335) 10.00 Another World (34511) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (92977) 12.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (75625) 1.00pm Geraldo (84373) 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (81373) 3.00 Jenny Jones (91199) 4.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (70606) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (8070) 6.00 Real TV (6460) 6.30 Married — with Children (7712) 7.00 The Simpsons (8199) 7.30 M*A*S*H (3996) 8.00 Beverly Hills 90210 (23286) 9.00 Melrose Place (15462) 10.00 Silk Stalkings (13809) 11.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (84070) 12.00 Late Show with David Letterman (91720) 1.00am Hit Mix (8191590)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (2458557) 7.30 Superboy (5786064) 8.00 Sightings (2343083) 9.00 New York Undercover (2363847) 10.00 Water Rats (2333606) 11.00 In the Heat of the Night (6278083) 12.00 Hit Mix (6386852)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Return of Tommy Tricker (1994) (44151) 8.00 Spenser: The Judas Goat (1994) (69996) 9.30 Camp Nowhere (1994) (82996) 11.30 Esther and the King (1960) (48828) 1.30pm The Games (1970) (80489) 3.30 Celebration Family (1987) (49557) 5.00 The Return of Tommy Tricker (1994) (42809) 7.00 Camp Nowhere (1994) (84034) 9.00 An Awfully Big Adventure (1994) (11441) [illegible]00 Indecent Behaviour (1993) ([illegible]78083) 12.35am The Haunting of Helen Walker (1995) (8665748) 2.05 Elisa (1995) (207381) 4.00 The Culpepper Cattle Company (1972) (70869)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.20am Five Came Back (1939) (6889557) 7.35 Jitterbugs (1943) (5288267) 8.50 The Big Broadcast of 1936 (1936) (68037880) 10.25 Dangerous Moonlight (1941) (31477422) 12.05pm Cagney and Lacey: The View Through the Glass Ceiling (1995) (148712) 2.00 Le Colonel Chabert (1994) (28731) 4.00 Black Feather (1995) (3644) 6.00 Born to be Wild (1995) (38354) 7.30 E! News Week in Review (6606) 8.00 Crimson Tide (1995) (10712) 10.00 Devil in a Blue Dress (1995) (947977) 11.45 Killing Zoe (1994) (333170) 1.25am Mrs Parker and the Vicious Circle (1994) (62628381) 3.30 Dark Secrets (1995) (129010) 5.05 Sherlock Holmes: A Study in Scarlet (1984) (8839720)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Bravados (1958) (2779064) 8.00 The Blue Lagoon (1980) (2781809) 10.00 The Day of the Jackal (1973) (46545557) 12.25am And Now for Something Completely Different (1972) (21276478) 1.55 The Scarlet Empress (1934) (3495497) 3.40-5.10 Murder Most Foul (1964) (22871403)

TNT

9.00pm The Sea Hawk (1940) (58737712) 11.15 The Fixer (1968) (27955118) 1.30am Night Must Fall (1964) (61118671) 3.30-5.00 Light Up the Sky (1960) (50144010)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (42996) 7.30 Wrestling (22422) 8.30 Racing News (62288) 9.00 Sports Centre (53538) 9.30 Aerobics (99828) 10.00 Golf: British Pro Tour (50315) 11.00 Pool (30151) 12.00 Aerobics (66002) 12.30pm Big Shots (89170) 1.30 Best of Nationwide League XI (97199) 2.30 Salute to the Lions (404083) 4.59 Sports Centre (4195880) 5.00 Wrestling (5644) 6.00 Sports Centre (8606) 6.30 World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (37151) 8.00 NatWest Cricket (54170) 9.00 Best of Nationwide League XI (41606) 10.00 Sports Centre (67731) 10.30 Big Shots (47373) 11.30 Futbol Mundial (24002) 12.00 Sports Centre (33818) 12.30am World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (48300) 2.00-2.30 Sports Centre (98861)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Showjumping (10487248) 1.00pm Golf Extra (21746460) 3.30 Watersports World (73791441) 4.30 Showjumping (57653847) 5.30 Golf: British Pro Tour (70483460) 6.30 The Winning Post: Worcester and Epsom — Live (89923002) 8.30 Golf Extra (63200809) 11.00-11.30 European Tour Magazine (60989422)

EUROSPORT

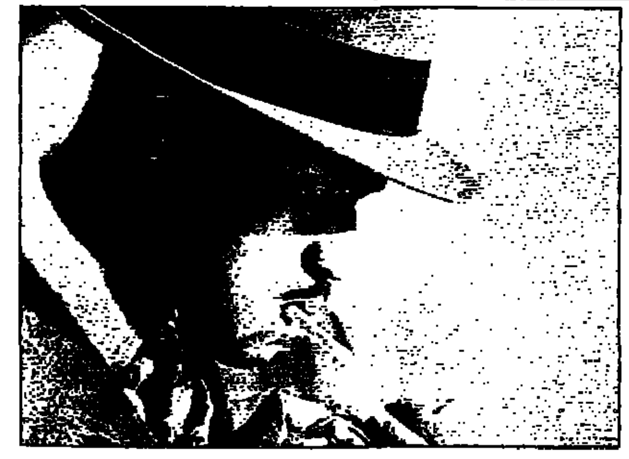
7.30am Motorcycling. San Marino Grand Prix (57118) 8.30 Kick Magazine (57354) 9.00 Tour De France — Third Stage (60977) 10.00 Tennis. Swiss Open — Live (6025118) 2.00pm Tour De France — Fourth Stage — Live (37431625) 4.15 Motors Magazine (147828) 5.45 Athletics: Stockholm DN Galan (230557) 6.15 Athletics: Zipfer Gugl Grand Prix — Live (89492335) 9.00 Tour De France — Fourth Stage (69002) 10.00 Boxing. George Foreman v Lou Savarese (79489) 11.00 Darts (46712) 12.00-12.30am Monster Truck (25126)

UK GOLD

7.00am Animal Magic (6792557) 7.35 Neighbours (5295335) 8.00 Crossroads (1825985) 8.25 EastEnders (7729267) 9.00 The Bill (4577064) 9.30 Shelley (8011977) 10.00 Tellystack (1233083) 10.30 The Sullivans (4573248) 11.00 Bergerac (49305644) 12.05pm Crossroads (61822199) 12.30 Neighbours (8015793) 1.00 EastEnders (5783828) 1.35 On the Up (5531793) 2.15 Sorry! (2152644) 2.50 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (3611101) 3.30 The Bill (9145064) 4.00 Boon (1972151) 5.00 Casualty (66035199) 6.05 EastEnders (8330996) 6.40 Sykes (7218286) 7.20 Dr Who (5341064) 7.50 Only When I Laugh (3394511) 8.20 Hi-De-Hi (8105199) 9.00 The Bill (1978335) 9.30 Paradise Club (43167426) 10.35 Sports Anorak of the Year (3007828) 11.05 New Statesman (1281731) 11.40 FILM: Desperately Seeking Susan (7402064) 1.25am Hazell (9479120) 2.20 Shopping (28943836)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (1416151) 7.00 Coronation St (5831985) 7.30 Families (6386070) 8.00 Surprise, Surprise (4130809) 9.00 Dempsey and Makepeace (5977489) 10.00 Gentle Touch (1371314) 11.00 London's Burning (6586278) 12.00 Coronation St (4270170) 12.30pm Families (7115511) 1.00 Two's Company (6281426) 1.30 The Beautiful Home Show (8565052) 2.00 Surprise, Surprise (9169118) 3.00 Gentle Touch (5980170) 4.00 Dempsey and Makepeace (5976977) 5.00 London's Burning (1871199) 6.00 Families (6752815) 6.30 Coronation St (6743267) 7.00 Gentle Touch (1620422) 8.00 Dempsey and Makepeace (1639170) 9.00 Coronation St (5905489) 9.30 Wheeltappers and Shunters (7010967) 10.00-11.00 London's Burning (1629793)



Drama with Denzel Washington (Movie Channel, 10.00pm)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (15441) 6.30 Faerie Tale Theatre (50422) 7.30 Little Mermaid (7405460) 7.55 Timon and Pumbaa (6372286) 8.10 Goof Troop (4745731) 9.00 Tale Spin (6033977) 9.25 Aladdin (6964460) 10.15 Mighty Ducks (3263731) 11.00 Boy Meets World (5419996) 11.25 The Wonder Years (1134080) 11.50 Timon and Pumbaa (4788267) 12.05pm Bonkers (1226335) 12.30 Mouse and Mole (38826286) 12.35 Big Garage (35160625) 12.50 Sing Me a Story (6228625) 1.15 Amazing Animals (53628489) 1.40 Adventures in Wonderland (21007606) 2.05 Small Stones (85183847) 2.10 Lambchop's Play-Along (32826170) 2.40 Care Bears (7293354) 3.00 Little Mermaid (4157625) 3.25 Timon and Pumbaa (6556538) 3.40 Tale Spin (6841731) 4.30 Everyday's a Choosday (1593) 5.00 Aladdin (4887267) 5.25 Timon and Pumbaa (5162151) 5.35 Mighty Ducks (537538) 6.00 New Doug (8248) 6.30 Boy Meets World (2828) 7.00 Brotherly Love (6915) 7.30 FILM: Foxfire (46731) 9.00-10.00 Touched by an Angel (79606)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Three Little Ghosts (5130625) 6.30 Inspector Gadget (6378644) 7.00 Samurai Pizza Cats (6269335) 7.30 Power Rangers Zeo (6271170) 8.00 Beetleborgs (8072809) 8.30 Crocadoo (8064880) 9.00 Rimba's Island (8818915) 9.20 The Magic Box (9174118) 9.45 Dudley the Dragon (2893064) 10.05 Rimba's Island (7802151) 10.25 The Magic Box (6762880) 11.00 Jin Jin (6190538) 11.30 Pinocchio (6191267) 12.00 Inspector Gadget (8075996) 12.30pm VR Troopers (27429888) 12.50 Power Rangers Zeo (41829444) 1.10 Beetleborgs (12531538) 1.30 Eek! (9014825) 2.00 Life with Louie (7011691) 2.30 Crocadoo (5705199) 3.00 Gadget Boy (7503606) 3.30 Eek! (5700644) 4.00 Life with Louie (5789151) 4.30 Power Rangers Zeo (5785335) 5.00 Beetleborgs (2553101) 5.30 Spiderman (5709915) 6.00 X Men (5708828) 6.30-7.00 Goosebumps (5780880)

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TROUBLE

12.00 Byker Grove (4582996) 12.30pm Ready or Not (8040489) 1.00 Madison (9747847) 1.30 Sweet Valley High (8032460) 2.00 Swan's Crossing (2033151) 2.30 9-2-5 (9169915) 3.00 Byker Grove (2052286) 3.30 Hangtime (9153460) 4.00 California Dreams (9159267) 4.30 Saved by the Bell (9148151) 5.00 Sweet Valley High (2057731) 5.30 Ready or Not (9162731) 6.00 Hangtime (9169844) 6.30 Madison (9150996) 7.00 Saved by the Bell (2044267) 7.30-8.00 California Dreams (9149880)

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Selectors stand by beaten team

England make statement of Ashes intent

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

IN A move as thoughtful as it was unusual, the England cricket selectors yesterday made a virtue of a setback, reaffirming their faith in the players beaten at Old Trafford by naming them all for the fourth Ashes Test at Headingley, almost a fortnight ahead of schedule.

David Graveney, the chairman, took the decision on Monday after talking to his fellow selectors and to the captain and coach. The XI that lost heavily in Manchester is retained, along with Philip Tufnell, in a pared down party of 12.

The players were told of their reprieve before leaving Old Trafford and Graveney made the announcement yesterday before going to watch his daughter's school sports day. "It is the right thing to do at this stage," he said. "It shows our faith in the players, our belief that they are the best we have."

Mike Smith seems unfortunate to be stood down from the squad on a ground where conditions are sure to suit him, but he is among five players also reporting to Headingley on Sunday, July 20 for an extended programme of preparation. Devon Malcolm, another omitted for the forthcoming game, is also in this group, along with Ashley Cowan and the Hollioake brothers, Adam and Ben.

Under the regular timetable, the squad would not have been announced until that Sunday, four days before the game begins. Graveney, however, dramatically advanced the process for two reasons. He was keen to avoid prolonged, unhealthy speculation and to give his deflated players "the right sort of vote of confidence".

It might be thought that they are unworthy of it and there will be those who will say so. By the admission of David Lloyd, the coach, England played "substandard cricket" throughout the five days at Old Trafford and the instant reaction to such shortcomings has traditionally been a clamour for change that the selectors have been unwilling to resist.

With an extra week's break in mid-series — a break, significantly, with no championship cricket for the selectors to observe — the pressure to tinker with the team would have built to a crescendo and the populist vote for the Hollioakes would have been to the fore. The places of Mark Ealham, Andy Caddick and even Robert Croft would have headed the file of possible casualties.

> *'All talk is about injecting hardness into England cricket, a hardness into domestic competition. At the turning-point of an Ashes series, they have gone for cosy clubbability'*
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The skill of Graveney's action is in pre-empting that familiar, destructive syndrome and in recognising that, this time, it would be inappropriate anyway. Certain things about the defeat at Old Trafford need reiterating. One is that it was England's first in eight Tests; another that, despite the margin, there were two phases when England were in control.

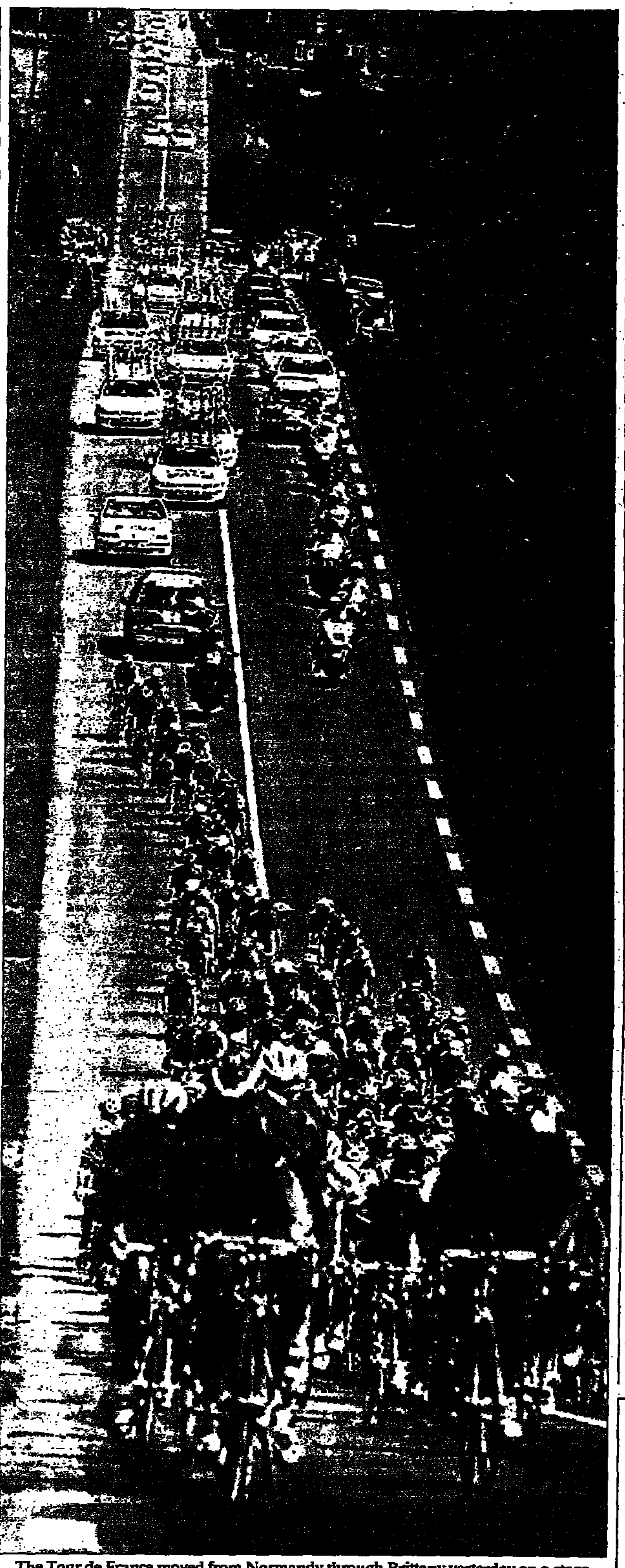
A third thing worth emphasising is that the series is level, a fact that seems to have been lost in the melancholy reflections. It has been forgotten that Australia were trounced in the first Test, just as it has prematurely been assumed that the pattern of previous Ashes series will now be restored. The bookmakers, who had England odds-on for the series before Old Trafford, now rate Australia the 6-4 on favourites after being deluged with bets. One William Hill client staked £20,000 on Australia at 11-10 on yesterday, the most tangible of signs that the patriotic "feel-good" factor has lost its grip.

England have lost momentum at an unfortunate time, but to break up the unit that has been together for some while could only have been to its detriment. Previous selectors have erred by changing the team too often, making it impossible for the building of team unity that has been a feature of England's cricket in the past few months. The present panel — including two recent Test captains who have seen the follies of the past — are determined to foster continuity and, so long as they can do so without encouraging complacency, they are demonstrably in the right.

I would have retained the option of Smith's swing ahead of Caddick's sometimes lethargic seam, but Graveney emphasises that a late change can still be made if exceptional conditions suggest it.

The early gathering at Headingley was planned as long ago as March, at the instigation of Lloyd, and will include a reprise of the type of management training that the players underwent recently. Whether driving Land Rovers through a forest blindfold will properly prepare them for batting against Shane Warne is, of course, a nice point. What this does show is the continuing advance in professionalism of the England management. Not only is it being pro-active in its planning, it is also communicating with players and public. It is almost unheard of.

Graveney, about to take a brief mid-season break in Spain, explained the philosophy of the training day. "It would have happened even if we were 2-0 up, but it is perhaps especially beneficial at 1-1," he said. "It is obvious what we have to do now and it begins with gathering our thoughts in order to recapture the intensity that we mislaid at Old Trafford. We must not be dictated to in our cricket."



The Tour de France moved from Normandy through Brittany yesterday on a stage marred by another mass crash near the finish at Plumelec. Report, page 44

World elite flies in to begin Open build-up

By John Hopkins, golf correspondent

THE tournament beginning at the Loch Lomond golf course this morning is just the sort of event that would occur regularly if a world tour got off the ground. Its somewhat lengthy title of the Gulfstream Loch Lomond World Invitational gives an indication of its breadth, because not many American companies sponsor events in Scotland. The fact that five of the world's top ten players are here is an indication of its appeal.

Two further factors have contributed to the success of an event that is only in its second year. The first is that Loch Lomond is one of the best new courses to have been built anywhere in the world in the past ten years. Many leading players shed their normal reservations when commenting on the course designed by Tom Weiskopf. "It's in my top five in the world," Ernie Els, the US Open champion, said. "You can't say anything bad about this course."

The second contributing factor is the fact that this event is being held the week before the Open at Royal Troon and leading players such as Tom Lehman, Greg Norman and Els have flown in from the United States and are using it as a warm-up for the third major championship of the season. "This is an indication of what it could be like — the best players competing with one another," Norman said. "I like playing against someone who can push me along."

One man who has pushed the game along this year has been Tiger Woods, the Masters champion, who won his sixth professional title on Sunday evening. He is staying in the United States until the weekend, when he will fly to southern Spain to look at Valderrama, the venue for the Ryder Cup in September.

However, there is a growing reluctance among the players to continue to talk about Woods. "We have reacted to good play, not players," Norman said. "One good player will always make another lift his game."

Els said that he and his peers had worked harder as a result of Woods's performances. Norman, the winner of a US Tour event two weeks ago, has responded to Woods's challenge, as has Els and Colin Montgomerie, who has won two events in Europe and finished second to Els in the US Open since the start of June.

"Look at the guys who have won these past few weeks," Els said. "Greg has won, I have won, Monty has won. The best players have responded." He then, however, warned against attaching too much importance to Woods. "He is only 21, after all," Els said. "We are playing the game of golf not a game against Tiger Woods. It is not us v Tiger or Tiger v us. It is us trying to put the lowest score on the board."

So, with a strong field competing on a terrific golf course, what should be two cracking weeks of golf start here. No player is going to say that he would rather win on the banks of Loch Lomond than at Troon but, as Lehman put it, a win this week "would be a real nice way of entering Open week".

Montgomerie is one who has a real chance of doing just that. His round of 62 in Ireland last Sunday was exceptional by any standards. He is clearly brimful of confidence in his own ability and, for this week if not for next, he does not feel the burden of pressure. "I am enjoying myself," he said. "And when you enjoy what you are doing, you are usually quite good at it."

Montgomerie: confident

Montgomerie once said he hated seeing Nick Faldo closing in on him — "in my rearview mirror" was how he put it. Montgomerie now casts the same long, menacing figure on those he is chasing, as he was Lee Westwood in the Irish Open.

"I hit my second shot in close on the 1st. That put pressure on Lee and perhaps that is why he three-putted," Montgomerie said. "It was nice to prove myself capable of being No 1 again. I am very comfortable with being No 1."

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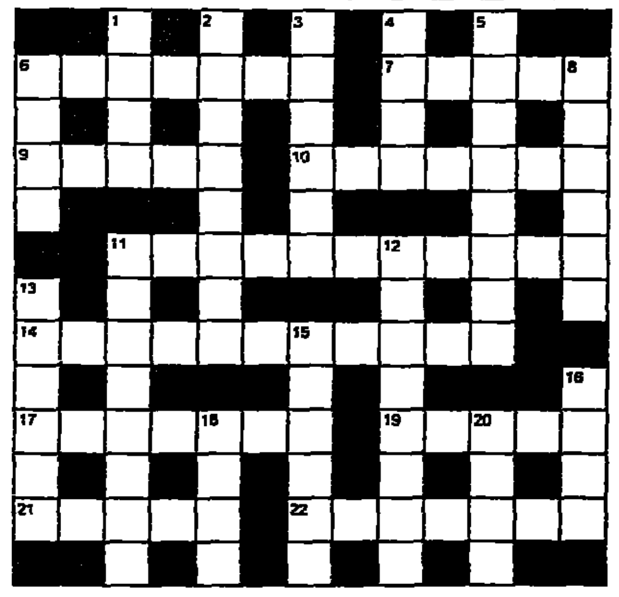

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7 Condemns (5)
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14 Easily win (contest); steal (3,4,4)
17 Close-together group (7)
19 Agent (eg to vote for one) (5)
21 Cold rice/raw fish dish (5)
22 Commiserate (7)

DOWN
1 Axe handle (4)
2 Serious reverse (4,4)
3 Soul; Cupid's love (6)
4 Timber-dressing tool (4)
5 Dismiss with ridicule (4-4)
6 African fetish (4)
8 (Russian) council (6)
11 Overcome, defeat (8)
12 Holding tight; absorbing (plot) (8)
13 Donnybrook (6)
15 King's jester (*Hamlet*) (6)
16 Funeral fire (4)
18 One of two identical (4)
20 Wind instrument (4)

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Ince set to follow Murphy as Liverpool take transfer action

By David Maddock

AFTER months of attempting to find fresh faces, Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, has finally discovered the impetus in the transfer market that he believes is required to project Liverpool towards championship honours. Evans said yesterday that he has made two signings, with at least one more imminent.

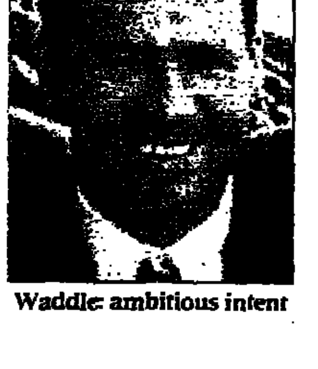
Liverpool unveiled Danny Murphy, 19, the Crewe Alexandra midfield player who has attracted interest from a host of FA Carling Premiership sides, as his first signing of what promises to be a significant week. Evans also indicated that the transfer of Paul Ince, from Internazionale, will be completed before Friday.

Murphy will cost £2 million in total, after an agreed number of appearances, and Evans believes that, despite his relative youth, he is already good enough to be pushing for a first-team place.

"Danny is one for the future, it's true, but I expect him to be looking to be in the team from the start of this season," he said. "He has rare ability, he can score goals either from midfield or forward positions, and that is valuable at every level. We have tracked him for a long time and I think we have got ourselves a young player of genuine quality."

Ince, of course, has proven quality, as he showed with England during the international tournament in France, when he proved his country's best player. Liverpool have agreed a £4 million fee with Inter for his services and Evans said: "It is all sorted now, we are expecting to complete the transfer by the end of the week."

The Liverpool manager also indicated that he is searching for a forward of international renown to complete his plans for next season. Evans said that he still harbours interest in Fabrizio Ravanelli, the Middlesbrough and Italy striker, but would not budge from his £7 million valuation. He added that he also has several other targets, including Jari Litmanen, the Finland international who plays for Ajax.



Waddle: ambitious intent

Across the city at Everton, Howard Kendall, the new manager, has been quoted a £6 million transfer fee for Les Ferdinand, the Newcastle United and England forward. Kendall made his inquiry this week and looks likely to pursue the matter.

Chris Waddle started work as the new manager of Burnley yesterday after the departure of the previous incumbent, Adrian Heath, to Everton as Kendall's assistant. Waddle will continue to play and his ambitions were clearly spelt out at his first press conference.

"I haven't come here to hang around in the Nationwide League second division, I am looking to get us promoted in my first season," Waddle said. "I know all about this club. There is a strong connection with the North East, where I am from, and I know they have a massive support. It is my job to give the supporters what they want, which is the success this club deserves."

Chelsea go with Flo demands

CHELSEA have put European ambition before financial consideration by agreeing to pay £300,000 to SK Brann for Tore Andre Flo, the Norway striker (Russell Kempson writes). Flo, 24, is now able to move to Stamford Bridge on August 4, shortly before the start of the season, instead of having to wait until November, when his existing contract with Brann expired.

Had he joined Chelsea late, as initially intended, albeit on a free transfer, he would have been ineligible for the club's European Cup Winners' Cup campaign. "We can now name him on our European roster, which closes on August 15," Colin Hutchinson, the Chelsea managing director, said. Flo is the fifth foreign signing by Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea player-manager, this summer, for a combined cost of £6.3 million.

Chelsea yesterday dismissed reports that Gianluca Vialli, their unsettled Italian forward, is moving to Celtic. Meanwhile, the Glasgow club have made preliminary enquiries about Ciriaco Sforza, the Switzerland and Internazionale midfield player.

Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, is to be given a two-year extension to his contract, which runs out in December.

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